AWARD-WINNING NEWSPAPER

BY PHIL REEVES. IMRE KARACS AND RUPERT CORNWELL

AS TOP Russian and American officials met in Moscow and the , refugee crisis on Kosovo's border reached breaking point, Yugoslavia yesterday sent out what could be its most serious feelers yet to end the war, suggesting it might be ready to accept a UN-led international peacekeeping force in the

Although the precise status of the offer was unclear, emanating as it did from Vuk Draskovic, the unpredictable Yugoslav Deputy Prime Minister, rather than President Slobodan Milosevic himself, allied diplomats last night saw it as evidence that Belgrade might at last be starting to buckle under the pressure of five weeks of increasingly severe bombing.

As if sensing weakness in its opponent, Nato last night vowed an even more ferocious aerial campaign. The attacks so far were "only a fraction" of what was come, the alliance's supreme commander, General Wesley Clark, warned. As a result of the bombing and an intensifying oil blockade, "step by step, bit by bit, we are cut-ting off his ability to sustain his forces in Kosovo"

Stepping up the economic and military encirclement of Belgrade, President Bill Clinton last night authorised the call-up of 33,000 reservists, and announced that Washington is preparing a blanket embargo on

exports of goods to Yugoslavia. Nato intensified its action as thousands more refugees arcamps way beyond capacity and raising fears among aid officials that disease could sweep the camps. "We are iammed to the breaking point," said Ron Redmont, a spokesman for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees. He said that 3,000 Kosovo Albanian refugees arrived yesterday at the Blace crossing, while at least another 1,000 each crossed at Lojane and at Linkovo.

Speaking at a crowded press conference in Belgrade, Mr Draskovic called on Russia and the West to reach a compromise on the peace force, which would



A woman cooking over a campfire at a refugee camp in Kukes, near the Kosovo border in northern Albania, where conditions are 'at breaking point'

tions resolution. Though he admitted he had not directly discussed the proposal with Mr Milosevic, he said that it had been agreed by the Yugoslav President in talks last week with Russia's special Kosovo envoy, Viktor Chernomyrdin.

Whatever his authority, Mr Draskovic's words only underscore how Moscow, to all intents and purposes Belgrade's sole supporter in the conflict, has become the fulcrum of the sudden surge in diplomatic efforts

to find a solution. The early signs were that tween Strobe Talbott, the US Deputy Secretary of State, Mr Chernomyrdin and the Russian Foreign Minister, Igor Ivanov, did not succeed in generating a breakthrough, beyond ending Moscow's long isolation on the Kosovo issue.

There was "no question that Russia and the US are working together on this problem." was all Mr Talbott would say afterwards, describing his discussions as "frank, serious and constructive" - a thinly coded acknowledgement that although the meeting had been valuable. lengthy talks in Moscow be- both sides had aired, and failed

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Anne McElvoy to resolve, their differences.

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Chief among these is Moscow's insistence, echoing that of Belgrade, that the first step must be a unilateral halt in the Nato bombing and a restarting of negotiations. The West's reply is that there is nothing to negotiate until Mr Milosevic pulls out his forces, allowing a

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Nato-dominated international peacekeeping force to move in, and almost 700,000 Kosovo Albanian deportees to return home. Without guarantees on that point, there can be no bombing pause.

The gap, however, does make-up of the international the table. Once Mr Milosevic

force, whose flat rejection at the Rambouillet peace talks by Mr Milosevic in mid-March led directly to the start of the war. Even Nato accepts that a Russian contingent is essential. while Mr Draskovic acknowledged that Nato countries could not be denied a part in it.

Re-emerging amid the spate of diplomatic activity and Mr Draskovic's démarche is the German peace plan drawn up at the start of April, initially rebuffed by Bonn's Nato allies as too soft on Mr Milosevic but seem more bridgeable on the now the prime Western plan on

starts to pull out his forces from Kosovo, it would grant a 24-hour break in the air strikes. to be extended if the withdrawal continues.

Last night, Mr Talbott was in Berlin for talks with German ministers and the UN Secretary-General, Kofi Annan, himself on the way to Moscow.

attacks housing estate'

By Robert Fisk in Belgrade

NATO WAS accused of killing as many as 20 civilians in the southern Serb town of Surdulica yesterday when aircraft reportedly fired four missiles into the centre of a housing estate, destroying dozens of homes and badly damaging a hospital

Yugoslav government sources said that a "massacre" had occurred at midday when four Nato jets attacked the small textile town 40 miles south-east of the city of Nis.

Later reports said the death toll could rise because much of the centre of Surdulica had been destroyed in the attack.

There was no immediate response from Nato. A senior British officer had earlier reported that Nato had had "a good day" in its air strikes over Yugoslavia, listing an oil refinery and an office block in Belgrade among targets that had been struck

Serbian state television RTS first reported that Nato air strikes had killed at least five people in the town. Serbian TV. which was bombed again by Nato yesterday morning, said for more bodies after the attack.

The Yugoslav news agency, Tanjug, claimed that Nato warplanes had dropped four bombs on the town at mid-day.

The reported killings at Surdulica occurred as Mr Vuk Draskovic, the Yugoslav Deputy Prime Minister, suggested in Belgrade that an armed UN force could enter Kosovo with Yugoslav permission under a UN Security Council mandate.

Tears and flowers as the people came to mourn their second 'English Rose'

THE MAN in the black leather By KATHY MARKS jacket looked as tough as they come but as he handed a bunch of flowers to the young police officer, he was too choked to speak. White with grief, he turned on his heel and strode off into the spring sunshine.

The bouquets began arriving at Jill Dando's house in Fulham. west London, soon after news of the television presenter's stunned BBC colleague on Monday. By yesterday afternoon, there were 40 or 50 of them propped up against the railings of a neighbour's house in Gowan Avenue, the quiet suburban street where she was gunned down like a Mafioso.

from neighbours and friends, but most were from people who knew her only as a reasrooms, bringing them the news, just found love and had every-

the latest unsolved crime or a new holiday destination. They had never met Jill Dando, but they mourned her all the same.

Something similar happened of grief is quieter this time. Yet the comparisons are irresistible and were spelt out in a note pinned to a bunch of pink murder was announced by a carnations. "We have lost another English Rose," it read.

Ms Dando may not have occupied the same place in the nation's affections as Diana, Princess of Wales, but she was treasured by the viewers of Middle England. And the parallels between the two women Some of the flowers were are uncanny Both were blonde, both embodied something quintessentially English and both met a violent death in their midsuring presence in their living thirties, at a time when they had



thing to look forward to. The dolence books at the BBC's bouquets laid in memory of Ms Dando evoked the vast carpet of flowers that took root a few miles away, outside the

gates of Kensington Palace. And, as if the echoes of that extraordinary late summer of 1997 were not loud enough, people queued up to sign con-

Flowers outside BBC headquarters Andrew Buurman headquarters in west London and at its studios in Plymouth. where Ms Dando had her first

> Yesterday the cream façade of her three-bedroomed house was obscured by a white police tarpaulin and its wrought iron gates had been removed for

job in television.

ral tributes had to be placed Some of the bouquets were

accompanied by handwritten messages. "To Jill Dando. in memory of a nation's sweetheart, from Bob, an admirer," read one. "Dear Jill, we only met briefly but I shall never forget your smile," wrote a fan called George. Another note stated simply: "It's so wrong." Gowan Avenue and the sur-

rounding streets presented an image of suburban tranquillity vesterday - mothers pushing their babies' pushchairs, bursts of blossom in the trees, the murmur of a radio from inside a house where builders toiled. Not the kind of place where young women are shot in the bead on a Monday morning.

The sense of disbelief was palpable among the people who

forensic examination. So the flo-security cordon, watching the police come and go. "It's so desperately sad, such a waste, said a grey-haired woman in a blazer and plaid skirt.

Scenes of crime officers conducted a fingertip search of Ms Dando's house and peered over neighbouring rooftops from a hydraulic lift. Police also scoured drains around the area and searched the banks of the

River Thames at low tide. Just before midday, a taxi drew up and the driver got out. clutching a bunch of roses, lilies and freesias. They had been given to him, together with a £20 note, by a scruffilydressed young man who hailed him outside Victoria Station and told him: "Please, take

them to Jill Dando's house." Further reports, page 5 Deborah Orr, Review Front Leading article, Review, page 3

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"Russia and the US are working together on this problem ... Our talks were very constructive, serious and frank"

> **US Deputy Secretary of** State, Strobe Taibott

"The West must approve a compromise on the peace force ... I think President Milosevic is ready to accept a resolution"

Vuk Draskovic, Yugoslavia's unity is cracking open" Deputy Prime Minister

WAR IN THE BALKANS

"It remains to be seen as to whether he [Vuk Draskovic] will be allowed to continue to tell the truth. It shows the facade of

George Robertson

"We are at breaking point. We will be seeing people sleeping in the open. But anything is better than what's in no-man's land"

Ron Redmont, UNHCR spokesman in Macedonia

"Russia is losing patience with Milosevic ... Russia could be particularly helpful to us in the context of the UN. We want Russia to be part of the solution"

Robin Cook

Apache crashes during training **WEAPONRY**

By Steve Boggan

THE MORE powerful and hightech the weaponry, the more America's enemies rejoice when it goes wrong. So it proved again yesterday when, with the memory of the shooting down of an "invisible" stealth bomber still fresh in people's minds, the US military had yet another piece of wreckage to explain away.

This time. the debris in a field 30 miles north of Rinas Airport in Tirana, the Albanian capital, was from one of the long-awaited AH-64 Apache helicopters recently stationed

Much to the enjoyment of the population of neighbouring Serbia, living under the Nato bombardment, the helicopter crashed and burst into flames during a training mission at 10.15pm on Monday. Its twoman crew escaped with only minor injuries.

Fortunately for them, the accident happened during a search and rescue practice mission in the company of a Black Hawk helicopter which was able to scramble a recovery operation.

According to the American

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FORECAST

General situation: Scotland will be become clouder but there will only be some light rain or drizzle in the far north and across the Northern Isles, with patches of hill and coastal mist or log. Most places will be dry, and the more southern parts of Scotland will see some sunshine. England, Wales and Northern Ireland will all have a mostly fine day with sunny spells once any early mist or log patches have lifted. However, some eastern coasts of England may stay misty for longer.

London, SE, Cent 9 & SW England: Mist or fog patches lifting to leave spells of sunshine. Breezy, especially at the coast, A moderate to fresh north-easterly wind, Max temp 15-18C (59-64F).

Eangila. E & NE England: Cool and misty near the coast. brighter elsewhere. Moderate north-easterly winds. Max temp 14-17C (57-63F), cooler on the coast.

Wales, Midiands, Cent N & NW England, Lake Dist, isle of Man: Any fog patches lifting to leave some sunshine. Light or moderate north-easterly winds. Max temp 15-18C (59-64F).

N Ireland: Fog patches going to leave it dry with long sunny spells. Light winds, mostly north to north-easterly. Max temp 14-17C (57-63F).

NW & NE Scotland, Aberdeen, W Isles, N Isles: Bright for a while in many places but cloud increasing to bring rain to the more northern areas. Light northwest winds backing moderate westerly. Max temp 11-14C (52-57F).

OUTLOOK

Cloud will spread southwards across Scotland and into Northern Ireland, Wales and northern England tomorrow but rain will die away. Southern areas will have suriny breaks, with showers arriving overnight. It will be wet in Scotland and Northern Ireland on Friday, with little change elsewhere.

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SW & SE Scotland, Glasgow, Edinburgh: Early fog patches lifting to leave i dry with some synshine but cloudler later. Light winds, mainly north-westerly, temp 14-17C (57-63F).

Channel Is: Windy but dry with occasional sunshine. Fresh temp 14C (57F)



US Army Apache helicopters similar to the one that crashed 30 miles north of Tirana yesterday

military, a Medevac helicopter was with them within seven minutes and, four minutes later, they were in the hands of medics at the 212th Medical Army Surgical Hospital - the last of its kind in the US Army. The other Mash units have been replaced by Combat Surgical Units.

Perhaps less fortunately for the Americans, a network television news crew was on board the Black Hawk and it is

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understood they filmed the incident, footage which will probably find its way onto Yugoslav television.

Last night, the American military ruled out sabotage and enemy fire as causes of the crash, suggesting it was the result of mechanical failure. The 24 Apaches expected had already been reduced to 23 when one developed engine failure in Italy.

Nevertheless, the Army

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was in a positive frame of mind. "We are not going to be wavered by this incident," said Lieutenant-Colonel Garrie Dornan. "This is the cost of doing business We plan to drive on with our mission

undeterred. Each Apache attack helicopter costs \$16m (£10m). Much feared by troops on the ground, the Apache carries Hellfire guided missiles to destroy tanks, armour and

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artillery, while using non-guided rockets and nose-mounted carmon to wreak havoc among "soft" vehicles and personnel.

It distinguished itself during the Gulf War when it fired the first allied shots of Operation Desert Storm, hitting a radar site and creating a blind Iraqi corridor for allied aircraft.

Meanwhile American A-10 "Warthog" tank-killer jets were seen circling the skies over Kosovo vesterday for the Nato missions so far.

first time, in sight of the Albanian border. Several explosions were heard from the Morini border post. 12 miles northeast Kukes.

At the border station, guards watched as the Warthogs dropped flares to ward off heatseeking anti-aircraft missiles. No missiles were seen fired at the aircraft, which fly lower and slower than the jet fighters that have carried out most of the



THE WORLD YESTERDAY

Britain's role.

Campbell helps put the spin into Nato

MEDIA WAR

SIX BRITISH officials have been seconded to Brussels to staff a new unit designed to manage Nato's faltering media operation along the lines of successful election campaigns in Britain and America.

The move was seen as evidence of fears within Nato that it is losing the propaganda war. "It shows they have anxieties about the way that the propaganda war is going," said one critic of the bombing.

There have been a series of propaganda blows to Nato, including the mistaken attack on the refugee convoy in Kosovo, splits in Nato over the bombing of broadcasting stations in Serbia, dissent over the oil embargo, and above all, lack of coherence about Nato's policy on ground troops.

The group, operating from two meeting rooms inside Nato's headquarters in Brussels, is designed to relieve the pressure on Jamie Shea, the alliance's over-worked press spokesman, and modernise his communications operation.

Alastair Campbell, Tony Blair's press secretary, will spend most of this week in Brussels, and at Shape (Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers in Europe, the alliance's military headquarters in Mons, 50km south of the Belgian capital.

Mr Campbell was partly responsible for raising the expectations that Nato would endorse the use of ground troops, but the subject was carefully kept off the agenda at Street personnel in place, inthe Nato summit by the Amerwent to Washington with head- is said to be treading carefully, lines suggesting that he was aware of the danger of being giving a lead to Nato, but having set the tone, he avoided holding any press conferences at the summit, leaving it to Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, and George Robertson. Secretary of State for Defence, to answer questions about

There is no doubt, however, that Mr Campbell is leading the behind-the-scenes co-ordination of a tougher, more aggressive media strategy against Serbian propaganda from the Nato headquarters. He is deeply respected by Bill Clinton, who once joked that he wanted him on his White House staff, and was responsible after the bombing of the refugee convoy for co-ordinating Nato eaders in blaming the Yugoslav President, Slobodan Milosevic, for all killings in Kosovo, deflecting the blame from Nato.

Mr Campbell was the first to signal that last week's offer by Mr Milosovic was unacceptable, when Mr Clinton was still saying it was a "step forward". and he has been the most robust in defending the bombing of the broadcasting stations as 'legitimate military targets", playing down the anxieties of the Italians.

His task is to set up a unit which will provide all the functions now expected by political parties when they fight campaigns: a daily newspaper cuttings service and wider media monitoring, preparation of "lines to take" for press officers, creation of "story lines" for daily briefings, quick rebuttal of news from Belgrade, and stronger liaison between Nato, Shape and the alliance's major national capitals.

Mr Campbell, who spent yesterday in Brussels in meetings with the new staff, now has six Foreign Office and Downing cluding one aide from the Numicans. The Prime Minister also ber 10 press office. However he seen to dictate to Mr Shea.

Washington, meanwhile, has seconded three staff, including Jonathan Prince, a White House speech-writer, and both Bonn and Paris are expected to augment the team, although their staff had not arrived yesterday.

Briefing: Day 35

The Foreign Office has provided £100,000 funding to: restart the Albanian-language newspaper. Kota Ditore. Over 300 British troops have arrived in the Greek port city of Salonica to reinforce Nato troops stationed in Macedonia. British military vehicles arrived on board a ship carrying 30 containers of military equipment.

■ A total of 1,800 British troops are expected in Macedonia in the next few days, the majority flying directly to the capital, Skopje.

■ Japan will give an additional \$20.4m (£12.75m) in emergency aid to help ethnic Albanian refugees. ■ The Czech government says three planes will be sent to Macedonia to transport Kosovo Albanians to the Czech Republic.

Finland has received its first Kosovo refugees (160). ■ The Rev Jesse Jackson is leading a 20-member delegation of US religious leaders to Yugoslavia, hoping to secure the release of three American soldiers and provide Milosevic with "an honourable way" to resume peace negotiations. The delegation will include rabbis, Muslim clerics and Serb-American religious leaders. ■ Kuwait Television has raised \$7m (£4.3m) for refugees in an all-day drive to help fellow Muslims.

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WAR IN THE BALKANS

It's spring in Belgrade, so could the



like it. The coffee shops were packed and a small crowd had gathered outside the headquarters of Yugoslavia's Deputy Prime Minister, Vuk Draskovic, who had been talking of a return of Kosovo Albanian refugees, of UN resolutions and UN forces, and long conversations with Mr Gazprom himself, the Russian envoy Viktor Chernomyrdin.

The morning papers were touting the Moscow visit of the American diplomat Strobe Talbott. Even Nato had spent its 34th night over Belgrade bombing an office block it had already destroyed; which was a bit like trying to set light to an old

Wars tend to end when each side can drag something for itself out of the embers. And peace in the Balkans now - with UN troops in Kosovo - would present rewards to all involved. Nato could abandon a ferocious five-week air bombardment that has not saved a single Kosovo Albanian – and at the same time avoid a bloody

The Yugoslavs could save their remaining infrastructure while claiming, correctly, that only their refusal to submit to Nato's ultimatum prevented Nato troops entering Kosovo. The Russians would be brought back into international peacemaking as mediators and as an ally in the UN Security Council.

The United Nations - the old, bankrupt donkey to which America always turns when it runs into trouble - would hobble in to take over the mess (with Nato claiming, of course. to lay down its guns; it wouldn't that the donkey could never be the first ethnic minority have hobbled into Kosovo with-



Vuk Draskovic, Yugoslavia's Deputy Prime Minister, speaking at yesterday's press conference

Albania and Macedonia would be happy to see the back terday that the composition of the tens of thousands of destitute Kosovo refugees, who would go home under the "protection" of UN troops, who might be armed and who might include troops from Nato countries. There would be no independence for Kosovo, but there might - if Mr Draskovic is to be believed - be considerable autonomy. The KLA would have guerrilla army to be betrayed

Mr Draskovic claimed yesand mandate of a UN force was the only area of disagreement ("1 or 2 per cent") between himself and President Slobodan Milosevic. The President says Nato troops cannot be part of a UN troop commitment; Mr Draskovic says the UN Security Council would have to decide.

In reality it is not difficult to see how an acceptable mixture of nations might be included in a peacekeeping army. Yugoslavia's old Orthodox ally

maintained good relations with Yugoslavia throughout the war - might provide Nato contingents, Russia could send troops the Serbian Renewal Party Washington has already agreed to this), while neutral EU nations with UN experience

- Sweden and Ireland, for example - might be invited to join the force; along, perhaps, with India, the nation which helped to form the non-aligned movement with Yugoslavia.

But these are early days and Vuk Draskovic is not the President of Yugoslavia, even if kovic - a fierce opponent of Mr

pression he would like to be. It was only 12 hours since the very tired and emotional leader of turned up at the Hyatt Hotel to announce that the Yugoslav army was occupying the pro-Draskovic Studio-B television station; yesterday, Mr Draskovic agreed that the only soldier to turn up had left after half an hour and was welcome to take coffee with him in a downtown restaurant.

In other words, Mr Dras-

whose words should be taken with a very large pinch of salt. In 1991, when he was addressing crowds from the balcony of the Belgrade National Theatre, Mr Draskovic earned the nickname of Golub - Serbian for pigeon - because, in the words of one of his former supporters, pigeous sit on balconies and shit about". But Mr Draskovic's perfor-

into the President's coalition

government - is the sort of chap

mance yesterday - a qualified repeat of his Monday night in-

One diplomat argued: "Its

to compromise. Who will do what first is not a crucial point will Nato stop its aggression before our state forces start their withdrawal from Kosovo, or will our state forces commence their withdrawal and (then) Nato stops? The best thing is that both sides do this at the same moment with the full approval of the Security Council ... In the UN flag, we can recognise our own national flag. In the UN flag, we can recognise our own state's security. Often in the past Serb soldiers, under the flag of the United Nations, participated in peacekeeping missions in many parts of the world." So the UN, it seems, are the good guys again in the Balkans. And Mr Kofi Annan - much condemned by the Yugoslav foreign

up to the Security Council.
"The UN (would) serve in Kosovo under the flag of the UN and under the mandate of the UN Security Council," he said. "This means we are very close

ministry in the early days of the war as an American mouthpiece - is on the way to Moscow and may even (though Mr Draskovic didn't say so) be invited to Belgrade. There must be an "urgent" Security Council resolution on Kosovo "which both sides, Nato and Yugoslavia, must respect.

Then - suddenly - Mr Draskovic's words needed a pinch of salt; indeed, a whole ton of the stuff should have been carted into his party offices. The Serbs were enduring the same suffering as the Jews under the Nazis, we were told. Serbia was proud to be compared to the Jews. "Every day, Serbia is closer to Hiroshima."

We gritted our teeth – did we hear a pigeon fluttering up there at the front of the room? The 500 Yugoslav dead of Nato's bombardment - or the 400 death toll which the Vigoslav Minister of Health, Dr Leposava Milicevic, confirmed to us a few hours later - very definitely does not compare to the murder of six million Jews. Nor to the quarter of a million Jananese who died at Hiroshima (although on this occasion Mr Draskovic had at least recognised that the United States bombed both Japan and

Nato seeks right to board ships which are suspected of breaking oil embargo

NATO WILL today debate plans Atlantic Council today. If given to escalate its stranglehold on the go ahead, the stop and Serbia by allowing military commanders to board Russian ships suspected of supplying oil to the Beigrade government. and to bomb a fuel pipeline inside Montenegro.

As the alliance delivered a more cautious estimate of the quantity of oil remaining at the disposal of the Serbian military, Nato's supreme allied commander, General Wesley Clark, pressed for tough new rules of engagement which would allow the search of vessels arriving in Montenegro.

That plan, along with a separate study on the possible bombardment of a pipeline inside Montenegro, will be debated by Nato's political chiefs at a meeting of the North

search regime could bring the alliance into conflict with Russia which has said it will ignore the oil embargo.

However the alliance's concern over the quantity of oil still arriving in Serbia was underlined by an assessment from General Clark that 10 ships are arriving each day at the port of Bar, and unloading 24 hours a day. That compares with the two or three vessels which docked at the Montenegrin port before the air bombardment.

Although Montenegro is a part of the Yugoslav republic, it has stayed out of the conflict and Nato has been unwilling to make it a military target. The alliance, which has pre-

viously claimed to have de-

FUEL BLOCKADE BY STEPHEN CASTLE in Brussels

grade's refining capacity, yesterday produced a different and less impressive statistic, claiming that 33 per cent of Serbia's military oil reserves had been eliminated.

With the concentration on the need to block off more oil, General Clark said "any visit and search regime has, of course, to have appropriate rules of engagement to be able to use the threat of force". He added that "if it is approved [by the Nato ambassadorsi the officers dealing with the merchant ships will give them

appropriate instructions. The alliance hopes that mer-

stroyed 70 per cent of Bel- chant ships will contact them to seek clearance for cargoes sailing into the area. But a Nato source suggested that, under international law, Nato naval commanders would be allowed to board and search all vessels, including Russian ones, and if they were found to be carrying oil - warships would be able

to escort them to port. With a new point of conflict with Moscow looming, there was added gloom within the alliance at the lack of progress on the diplomatic track during talks held by the US envoy. Strobe Talbott, in Moscow.

The former Russian prime

minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin,

said that Belgrade had agreed trol, rather than be of the type that was humiliated in Bosnia. to an "international presence" in Kosovo with Russia's parexistence could be covered by ticipation, but he acknowledged that such a group, which would

a UN resolution, but it is not going to be a blue helmet opbe only lightly armed, was well eration." Nato's planning is short of Nato's demands. "Nato thinks that primarily its forces based on the assumption that will participate [in Kosovo]. It its missions will include the will take time to work out this force lead by General Sir Mike issue in detail," he added. Jackson, the Commander of the Nato officials say that the in-Allied Command, Europe, Rapid Reaction Corps, which is ternational force could include

currently based in Macedonia. Russians and Ukrainians, as Yesterday General Clark rewell as troops of other nations which have taken no active iterated his conviction that the part in the air campaign, such air campaign is being successful, arguing that it is eroding Yuas Greece. Their presence is goslav morale, leading soldiers seen as an advantage because to desert and encouraging it could reduce the risk of attack draft-dodging. "We're picking from remaining Serb forces. But Nato diplomats are insisup an increasing numbers of desertions and declining morale tent that the force must be under Nato command and conamong the troops."

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THE FLOOD of refugees from Kosovo continues and the refugee camps in Macedonia and Albania are at breaking point. Aid agencies say that thousands of people are sleeping in the open. More than 600,000 Kosovo Albanians have fled their homes and most of them are destitute and face an uncertain future.

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though he had not spoken to Mr

Milosevic for two days. Mr

Draskovic said he had held a

long private conversation with

Mr Chernomyrdin only a few

hours earlier - the Russian

Balkan envoy was preparing to

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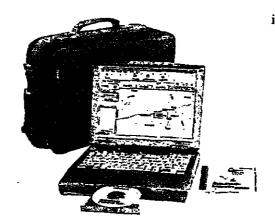


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Refugee camps at breaking point

THE EXODUS

BY KATHERINE BUTLER AND FRANCIS KENNEDY

packed camps to breaking the week point and raising fears that Mr Red the Serb leader Slobodan Milo-Yugoslavia's most vuinerable neighbouring state.

Three thousand arrived in modate them. Blace, the main crossing point More than 12.000 Albanians since the end of last week and

breaking point." said Ron Reddonia. after bus and train between Slavs and Muslims. loads flocked to the already capital. Skopje. yesterday.

A number of refugees had reported Serb atrocities, aid workers said, including one report that 16 people had been massacred at a village called Slavi last week.

Large numbers of people were reported to be waiting at plans to deal with." railway stations along the Pristina-Blace route. Stations and bus stops were crowded full to stop at Urosevac.

Many of the 3,000 people who streamed into Blace on Monday were still waiting to be registered yesterday. A new camp at Cegrane in concerns that Macedonia

nia yesterday, stretching to take refugees until later in

Mr Redmond predicted that sevic is intent on destabilising sleep in the open under plasnot enough tents to accom-

Macedonia's Foreign Minon the border with Kosovo. ister, Aleksandar Dimitrov, said his country could not have crossed into Macedonia cope with the latest influx and would certainly not be able to police. the United Nations believes assist 150,000 more. The almost 150,000 more will come. Macedonian government has We are now jammed to been reluctant to designate new areas for refugees camps, the infrastructure for accommond spokesman for the UN fearing the refugees may High Commissioner for become permanent residents Refugees (UNHCR) in Mace- and tilt the ethnic balance

Reports of a further big full Radusa camp near the capital. Skopje, yesterday. wave of refugees were echoed by the UNHCR. "We have received very credible reports suggesting that 150,000 more people are on their way out of Kosovo," said Lyndall Sachs of the UNHCR in London. These are the numbers we are now making contingency

Rachel Reilly, a Human Rights Watch researcher in Skopje, said there were and yesterday's train was too worries about overcrowding in the camps. "The two biggest between Pristina and the border transit camps are completely crammed. You can hardly walk between the tents. Sanitation

is almost non-existent."

A NEW tide of Kosovar western Macedonia for up to which has taken in a total of refugees flooded into Macedo- 20,000 people will not be ready 175.000 refugees since air strikes began, would close the borders, trapping tens of thousands of people at the border. people would soon have to This would violate its commitment to take in refugees under tic sheeting because there are the Geneva Convention, she said. Another worry is the unreasonable restrictions on the freedom of movement of refugees inside camps, and

> She said aid supplies were still pouring into Macedonia but the country did not have modating such vast numbers of people. "There is no longterm planning. This situation is just not sustainable."

Macedonia has sent about 26,000 refugees to third countries but airlifting refugees out of the Balkans is controversial and the red tape is slow. "We don't like this policy," said Lyndall Sachs, "but we have to do it." Britain and Spain took their first refugees on Sunday. while others have recently been sent to Austria. France. the Netherlands and Turkey.

Three planeloads left on Monday carrying 149 refugees to the Netherlands, 155 to Sweden, 134 to France, 147 to Finland and about 250 to Turkey. The refugee agencies are aware, however, that the public sympathy shown to displaced She said there were grave Kosovars in western Europe could turn sour. "We have had



Refugees being sprayed with disinfectant at the Macedonian border crossing point near the village of Blace yesterday

saying that they want the Gov-ernment to take in refugees but

not asylum-seekers. More than 365,000 people have fled from Kosovo into

Albania also desperately needs more international assistance. More than 1,000 Kosovo

refugees arrived on the coast Bari from Montenegro carry- or wandering in the country-Albania which is still operating

UNHUR has warned that prompting concern that a much-touted flood of refugees was about to become a reality. A tourist boat normally used for river cruises arrived in between Brindisi and Lecce

children, four of them new-

Other, smaller groups were found huddling on the beaches

letters from people in Britain an open-door policy. But the of southern Italy yesterday. ing 234 Kosovars, including 70 side. The police said 1,385 people arrived between midnight and noon yesterday. The vast majority of the new arrivals are from Kosovo, though they include Kurds and people from Albania.

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America sends call to 33,000 reservists

By ANDREW MARSHALL in Washington

THE US vesteriav called up some fearing a Vietnam-style some 33,000 military reservists descent into a quagmire, and for duty in Kosovo, the latest others wanting a more decisive stage in its creeping escalation engagement. A bipartisan Senof the conflict

and civilians away from their essary force and other means". families, the call-up will bring an authority the White House home to America that it is has not sought but which some being drawn into a regional con-flict. The call-up had been expected for some weeks, and involves mainly back-up forces tanker pilots and crew. Others will support the detachment of Apache helicopters in Albania and some will work on port

The US has 1 million reservists, who have regular civilian jobs but stay trained for military service. The active US military force is 1.4 million.

The US has also confirmed an earlier decision to send an extra 30 KC-135 tankers to MiG 29s and MiG 21s. He said Kosovo in addition to the 120 already deployed. It is due to send in another 200 combat, reconnaissance and support aircraft to boost the number of aircraft in the area to over 1,000, of which more than 800 are American, according to the Federation of American Scientists. a Washington-based think tank. Hungary said yesterday it

had agreed that 20 Nato tankers could be based on its soil and that between 50 and 70 combat aircraft may also be Kosovo have been cut, along based there in the future. Until now Hungary - one of Nato's newest member states and the only one with a border with Serbia - has been cautious about being drawn into the conflict.

The slow but steady growth in US forces in the region has made Congress uneasy, with Kosovo's capital, Pristina.

STRATEGY

ate measure would authorise By taking many part-timers the President to use "all necposed spending an extra \$6bn on the operation, but Republicans in Congress have asked to

> icism of the President's policies. In London, chief of the defence staff Sir Charles Guthrie, said Nato has launched almost 500 attacks in its air war against Yugoslavia over 227 individual sites. He estimated the air strikes had destroyed 70 of Serbia's 450 combat aircraft, including 23 out of a total of 83 Nato planes had destroyed nine strategic surface-to-air missile radar systems, nine of Serbia's 17 military airfields and 40 of its

double this, in an implicit crit-

aircraft hangars. Both Serbian oil refineries had been put out of action and 16 storage depots attacked, he said.

Sir Charles said military communications in Serbia are severely disrupted. Twenty road and rail bridges have been destroyed. All rail lines servicing with three of the eight roads.

that Nato missiles had killed five and wounded many more in the southern Serbian town of Surdulica. Serb media said Nato air power struck Mount Goles in Lipljan, just south of

Serbia reported yesterday

TIMETABLE: DAY 35

Monday 26 April 9.40pm: US Apache helicopter crashes at an airfield in Tirana. 10.10pm: Sirens sound in Belgrade. 11pm: Explosions heard in Novi Sad and air raid sirens in Kragujevac. Midnight: Serbs report

explosions at Sombor.

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near Hungarian border. Toesday 27 April 12.10am: Huge blast shakes 23-storey building housing Milosevic's Socialist party and several ~ broadcast stations. TV transmitter destroyed. 4am: Nato targets Lipijan region south of Pristina and nearby Slatina airport. 5.15am: All-clear sirens sound in Belgrade. 5.45am: Three cluster bombs launched near agricultural school on outskirts of Pristina. Serbs report several missiles launched in western Kosovo cities Decani and Pec. 7am: Strobe Talbott. US Deputy Secretary of State, starts talks with lgor Ivanov, Russian Foreign Minister. 7.05am: Air-raid alert in Pristina. 11am: Nato hits a bridge, for the fourth time, connecting Kosovo with rest of Serbia. Surdulica village near Bulgarian border struck by four missiles. 3pm: Iraq's President, Saddam Hussein, expresses support for Milosevic and his people. 4pm: Serbs say Nato has hit targets on Mount Goles, near Lipljan, southern Kosovo. 5pm: Serbian TV says at least five were killed in Surdulica attack.

THE BALKAN QUESTION KEY ISSUES BEHIND THE WAR EXPLAINED

Is the partition of Kosovo a practical idea?

Many people have suggested that splitting Kosovo into two might solve the dispute, leaving Serbia with most of its holy sites and the areas where Serbs are concentrated. But it is difficult to see how any agreement along the lines of the 1995 deal in Bosnia might be engineered here. The biggest problem is that Albanians are dispersed almost equally all over Kosovo while Serb settlements are isolated. One group of Serb villages clusters around Pristina. while others are grouped around Prizren, on the Albanian border, for example. There is no neat border that could be

drawn through Kosovo. Nor are the historic sites that mean so much to Serbian public opinion conveniently close to the border with Serbia. Kosovo Polje, site of the celebrated battle of 1389, is just outside monastary of Gracanica. But the Serbs' other famous sites are many miles away, on Kosovo's western border with Albania. It is difficult to see how a

partition line could be drawn that leaves Serbia with the cathedral of the Serbian patri-Pristina, only about 20 miles archs at Pec, or with the from Serbia. Likewise the monastary at Decam If Kosovo is divided, there would have to be a big forced movement of population, with many Albanians surrendering their homes. MARCUS TANNER

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JILL DANDO was shot dead by BY KIM SENGUPTA someone using a hollow-point AND ANDREW BUN bullet fired from a 9mm handgun fitted with a silencer – details that point overwhelmingly to the work of a hitman.

Police said yesterday that they believed the killer waited for an hour outside the television presenter's home in Fulham, west London, for her to return from a shopping trip. They spoke of seven witnesses who may have seen the suspect, including a window cleaner who thought the man was an estate agent waiting for a client - another cleaner and a mother with her child. The man made no attempt to hide or avoid being spotted, pacing up and down the road.

The Independent understands that while detectives are investigating other possibilities, they believe the killing was almost certainly committed by a professional



Jill Dando: Shot dead by a

AND ANDREW BUNCOMBE

Yesterday, police confirmed that Ms Dando, 37, had been shot in the side of the head at very close range with a single bullet from a semi-automatic handgun. The shot caused massive injuries and Ms Dando died a little over an hour later. The use of a hollow-pointed bullet is extremely rare.

Detectives are focusing their attention on reports of a wellgroomed, smartly dressed man, carrying a mobile phone, who was seen in the road where Ms Dando lived just seconds before she was fatally wounded. The same man was seen briskly leaving the scene.

A man fitting a similar description was seen a little later climbing over railings on the hank of the river Thames a few minutes walk from Ms Dando's two-storey home. Police said the man may have been using a disguise – in particular large dark-coloured glasses which one witness noticed and said looked too big. Then, possible a few minutes

later, another man waiting at a bus stop in Fulham Palace Road saw a man running down the road. He was described as wearing a dark blue suit and sweating profusely.

Yesterday Detective Chief Inspector Hamish Campbell, the officer heading the murder inquiry, said: "At this stage we will look at every avenue. A whole range of matters will be looked at. [Ms Dando's] private life will be one of the areas that



Police investigating the killing of television presenter Jill Dando conducting house to house inquiries in west London yesterday

Det Ch Insp Campbell worked with Crimewatch, the BBC television show that Ms Dando presented, during the investigation into the murder of a 12-year-old Macedonian girl in Hammersmith, west London, in May 1997. As a routine part of the in-

quiry, detectives will speak to all of Ms Dando's former boyfriends, including Simon Bassil who met the presenter on location at the Kruger National Park in South Africa where he worked as a game

Detectives yesterday spoke to Mr Bassil at his home in Portsmouth, Hampshire. Now a computer analyst, Mr Bassil

came to Britain from Africa in 1997. Ms Dando broke off their relationship soon after. "I have spoken to police. They have come to my house today," he said. "I found out about Jill's death from my mum. It's all speculation at the moment

about her killing. I have spoken

to her family and expressed my

condolences.

Ms Dando was shot at around 11.45am on Monday on the doorstep of her home after returning via Hammersmith from the Chiswick home of her fiance, Alan Farthing. She was found by a neighbour who heard her scream and when he rushed downstairs he

against the door, covered in blood and unconscious.

Det Ch Insp Campbell said yesterday that there were a number of reasons why people did not report hearing a shot. But it is understood that officers believe the killer almost certainly used a silencer. One witness reported hearing a clicking noise, a sound associated with guns fitted with such devices.

day that a semi-automatic handgun fitted with a silencer and ammunition could be bought illegally for £1,000. Without a silencer the gun - most likely a Browning, Glock or a Tanfoglio - could be purchased found Ms Dando slumped for as little as £500.

Police sources said yester-

Dando's attacker used a "quarter-tipped" bullet which are designed to spread out on impact causing maximum damage. Such bullets cannot be

bought legally.

Police are also investigating whether Ms Dando's killing could be the result of a grudge borne against her because of her work with the Crimewatch programme. Officers have spoken to co-presenter Nick Ross and other members of the programme's team about security in the wake of the shooting. However, their initial inquiries through police

informants have revealed

nothing about anyone trying to

It is understood that Ms obtain a hitman "to do Jill Dando". Officers are also investigating

the possibility that Ms Dando was killed by a stalker, although they said yesterday that she had made no recent complaint. Medical experts said that the stalker theory could be valid. They said details of her death could fit in with someone

who had become obsessed by

her, and who might even be suf-

fering from De Clerembault's

syndrome, a rare form of sex-

The type of gun used was banned following the Dumblane many theories to be explored school massacre in Scotland in and nothing will be left un-March 1996, but hundreds are touched. Everything is being

Russell Boyce/Reuters Criminologist Kate Broadhurst

of the Scarman Centre for the Study of Public Order, Leicester said: "The sawn off shotgun is the weapon of choice for the bank robber... this is the weapon of the drug dealer and the weapon of the professional criminal." The type of bullet used in the attack has only been used in a handful of incidents in Britain.

Mr Campbell said that his team was examining a range of possible motives for the murder. 'It could either be a stalker or a hitman. However, there are believed still to be in circulation. looked at."

Faked images of Brother tells of moment Dando abound on the Net

JILL DANDO was not only a regular visual visitor to millions of homes around the country, she was on-call day and night at the mere touch of a button.

A plethora of images of her, both innocent and obscene, were depicted on the Internet - available to devoted fans as well as those with a more sinister motive.

Yesterday, as detectives investigating her murder continued to explore the option that she may have been killed by a stalker, it was evident that such a murderer would have had ample cyber-material to fuel his

Her unofficial home page, was the most regularly accessed site on the Celebrity Webring, which attracts more than 100,000 hits a month.

many offerings which either eulogised the television star or reduced her to a pornographic over the edge by such things. fantasy by superimposing her face on a naked body.

Yesterday many of these sites fell quiet out of respect but dozens more continued to display photographs of Ms Dando without any reference to the horror which had cut short her life. tasy of that person undressing."

The BBC Online page was one of several sites to carry genuine tributes to the star from fans, colleagues and charities. Acting as an impromptu book of condolence, it was receiving e-mails expressing sympathy at the rate of four a minute yesterday.

But they provided a sharp contrast to others such as Nude Television Stars & Celebrities which boasted blue movies or other sites which offered take "hardcore pictures" of everyone from Elizabeth Hurley to Carol

Yesterday Dr Sidney Crown. which closed down on Monday, a consultant psychotherapist to the Royal London Hospital who regularly deals with stalking victims, said: "It (a website) provides a lot of scope for poten-And this was just one of tial stalkers. There are always vulnerable people who are borderline who can be pushed

> "Although a sophisticated person who saw a celebrity's face superimposed on a naked body would not give it any credibility other more vulnerable people may choose to believe it is real. The images fuel their own fan

he heard of the murder

JILL DANDO'S brother said yesterday that when he saw his sister three weeks ago, she could barely contain her excitement over her forthcoming wedding. Nigel Dando, the chief reporter on the Bristol Evening Post, said their Sunday lunch revolved around her wedding to Alan Farthing. Yesterday both men were inconsolable.

But while Mr Farthing, 35, a gynaecologist at St Mary's Hospital in London, was too distraught to speak about the incident, Mr Dando returned to work to pay tribute to his television presenter sister.

"She was looking forward immensely to getting married the wedding been planned to the last detail," he wrote yesterday in the Evening Post's sister paper the Western Daily Press. "I have spoken to her fiance, Alan Farthing. He is devastated and I feel so sorry

Forty-seven-year-old Mr Dando, who was comforting his father Jack, 81, said he would remember his little sister most of all for being "a very, very kind and very loving person who always put her family



Nigel Dando: 'Jill was a devoted sister to me'

first. She was extremely nat- flash came through on one of ural, she was friendly, she was the TV channels. bubbly, she was happy, she was loving. It wasn't an act.

"I've been ill recently and she was constantly on the phone checking how I was. She was devoted to my father and was a devoted sister to me," Mr Dando added.

The journalist said he was working in the Evening Post newsroom yesterday when he received phone calls asking if

"I tried to do some calls of my own to check on what had

"I'm devastated by the news I have no idea what the motive was for this. My father is bearing up well but obviously it has come as a huge, huge shock to him, as it has to me and all her relatives and friends." Mr Farthing's father John,

64, said yesterday of his son: "I think that the full shock has not set in. He has got a lot of extremely good friends who he had heard about an incident. are being supportive. He is making regular calls to us but we are not pressuring him. It is happened and then a news all in his own time."

He added: "We are absolutely shattered. She was readily accepted into the family and we could not ever have wanted a better person as a daughter-in-law.

The couple had planned a wedding with a dress designed by Lindka Cierach, who made Sarah, Duchess of York's wedding dress in 1986. In a statement yesterday

Ms Cierach said: "I have known Jill Dando for some years, both professionally as a dress designer and as a friend. In recent times, I was greatly honoured to have been asked by Jill to design her wedding dress. To me. Jill was an extraordinarily special person with a radiant and magnetic personality. I am utterly shocked and devastated

The BBC now has the task of deciding what to do with the television programmes Ms Dando was due to appear in. It said no decision has yet been taken over the future of its new series, The Antiques Inspectors. The Bafta Television Awards on 9 May will now be solely presented by Michael Parkinson. Crimewatch UK. will go ahead-next month but Nick Ross will present it alone. and left the scene on foot.

by her untimely death.

Choice of hitmen is now available from just £1,000

CONTRACT KILLING is a growth business. Professional hitmen, almost unheard of in Britain only 40 years ago, can now be hired for as little as £1.000.

Experts believe more than 30 assassinations take place in Britain every year by an estimated 20 active professionals. The bodies are sometimes never found.

The murder of Jill Dando closely matches the blueprint for a professional hit, in terms of location, timing and method of execution.

Detectives say that typical-, victims are targeted on their doorsteps as they arrive home or answer a knock at the door. The 9mm semi-automatic is. along with the old-fashioned revolver, the contract killer's weapon of choice.

Ms Dando's murderer also followed the first rule of such executions, which is to fire from point-blank range.

But instead of using a motor cycle for a quick getaway and wearing a crash helmet to hide his face, as is usual for hitmen. Ms Dando's murderer apparently lingered in the street. undisguised, before the killing,

According to Ian McKenzie deputy director of the Institute of Criminal Justice Studies at the University of Portsmouth, hitmen are usually low-level criminals, who are expendable if killings go wrong and who cannot be readily linked to those who paid for the hit.

He said: "They will necessarily have some expertise with firearms and may have a military background. They are also psychopaths who have lost, or never had, any concern about the sanctity of human life."

Terence Morris, emeritus professor in criminology at the London School of Economics, said such people were now readily available among the "heavies" used by criminals in the drugs and entertainment trades. He said: "The growth of clubs has produced enforcers who regard injuring people as part of their job."

According to the National Crime Squad, the ban on handguns has done little to limit the supply of firearms to criminals. Automatic weapons, smuggled from eastern Europe, are freely available.



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Police seek leader of neo-Nazi gang

POLICE WERE last night trying By IAN BURRELL to track down the leader of a breakaway neo-Nazi gang which has claimed responsibility for the nail bombings in Brixton and Brick Lane.

Detectives are anxious to question Del O'Connor. the leader of the White Wolves. a renegade faction of the racist Combat 18 group, which has been calling on its supporters to initiate a race war.

A stencilled message, circulated last Friday, read: "C18 did not carry out the Brixton bombing. We, the White Wolves,

Last year Mr O'Connor, 39. made a film in which be boasted: "We have been forming small cells and if you're wondering where the money

Home Affairs Correspondent

Now the war is on." The development coincided with a visit by the Home Secretary. Jack Straw, to the scene of Saturday's bombing in Brick Lane. the heart of Britain's Bangladeshi community. Mr Straw was shown damage to windows and buildings, as well as a nail from the bomb embedded in metal sheeting above a shop.

The Home Secretary met shopkeepers in Empee Silk Fabrics and Cafe Naz, the businesses immediately next to the blast site. "There is no future in evil and race hatred," he said.

Mr O'Connor. a former Cheisea football hooligan, has been involved in neo-Nazi politics since the late Seventies, and is closely connected to farright organisations in the United States, including the Ku Klux Klan,

liaising with US police for in-Last November he travelled

to Dallas to meet white

Scotland Yard detectives are

Del O'Connor, leader of a Combat 18 splinter group

supremacists and he is known to have attended a skinhead concert in Coventry the following month, but is said to have recently "disappeared" from his home in Wigan, Lancashire. Following the claims of responsibility from the White Wolves, police investigating the two London bombings, in which a total of 45 people were injured, want to speak to Mr O'Connor, if only to eliminate him from their

Mr O'Connor, who comes from Streatham in south Lon- to spread outside London.

bomb exploded 11 days ago, considered himself the leader of C18 in the north of England. He claimed to have "units" in Bridlington, Halifax, Preston and Oldham.

He was a skinhead in the British Movement in the late Seventies, before joining the Ku Klux Klan and becoming its UK security officer".

Mr O'Connor set up the White Wolves at the end of 1995, after serving a three-year jail sentence for assault. He also served a six-month prison sentence in Sweden after attacking an anti-racist while visiting Swedish neo-Nazis.

The White Wolves may be named after a ruthless Nazi war unit called the Werewolves. In crudely produced pamphlets called The Wolf, issued from "The Wolfslair", the gang calls on members to send letter bombs to the addresses of immigrant and anti-racist

organisations. Minority communities in cities across Britain are on alert after police warnings that the bombing campaign is likely

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Met admit black victim 'was not aggressive'

THE METROPOLITAN Police By IAN BURRELL has been forced to issue an Home Affairs Correspondent apology for issuing a misleading public statement about the benaviour of a black man who died after being restrained by

Scotland Yard apologised esterday to the family of Roger Sylvester for the distress it caused by claiming in a press release that he had been behaving in an "aggressive and vociferous" manner. Dick Fedorcio, the Met's director of public affairs, said the force now accepted that this was not true.

At the time the statement was issued, Mr Sylvester was on a life support machine. He never regained consciousness and his death is now the subject of an investigation under the supervision of the Police Complaints Authority

Yesterday Mr Sylvester's brother, Victor, said the family really distressed that no propwas still not happy with the



Roger Sylvester: Life support switched off

comments made by the police. "The family demanded from the outset a clear correction by the Metropolitan Police of the image left in the public mind by their press statement. We are er correction or public apology

was issued by the police at the time, particularly as the errors in the statement have been reproduced time and again in the media." he said.

Inquest, a group which camtody, accused the Met's spin doctors of placing in the public domain "partial, inaccurate and deeply prejudicial information".

The comments made in the police press release were attributed to a 999 caller. But yesterday Mr Fedorcio said: "The 999 call ... on 11 January did not describe Roger Sylvester as behaving in either an aggressive or vociferous manner.'

Mr Sylvester, 30, died in January after being held under the Mental Health Act outside his home in Tottenham, north London. He collapsed in hospital after being restrained by officers and was placed on a life support machine which was switched off a week later.

IN BRIEF

Bill Cash libel jury discharged

A HIGH COURT jury yesterday failed to reach a verdict on the MP Bill Cash's libel action against The Sunday Mirror for calling him a "gutless turncoat" who ditched the miners in their hour of need. The jury was discharged. Mr Cash must consider whether he wants a retrial.

Cocaine seized on banana boat CUSTOMS OFFICERS have seized £1.7m of cocaine on a

banana boat, which stopped in Falmouth, Cornwall, on the way to Poland from Colombia. The boat was inspected by customs officers who found two waistcoats, each said to be holding 8kg of 70 per cent pure cocaine. Soldier roasted hamster to death

A SOLDIER who ironed a hamster before roasting it to death in an oven was jailed for 140 days by a court martial panel and reduced to the ranks. Lance Corporal Nigel Horsley, 23, of 29th Regiment, Royal Logistic Corp. had drunk 20 pints of beer before attacking a colleague's pet.

Chef returns apple-growers' fee

THE CHEF Gordon Ramsay has returned a £3,500 promotional fee paid to him by the Bramley Apple Growers Association to promote their traditional fruit – after he decided to use Granny Smith apples instead during a filmed cookery demonstration.

Girls' prison conditions ʻunlawful'

By Jo BUTLER

GIRLS AND young women are being held illegally in a prison where inmates are still "slopping out" - a practice which was supposed to have ended years ago, a report warned yesterday. An inspection of Brockhill

women's prison in Redditch. Worcestershire, found that under-21s were being held in adult prison cells. The Chief Inspector of Pris-

ons. Sir David Ramsbotham said it contravened a legal ruling two years ago that young prisoners should be held in designated accommodation and suggested the inmates could be being held illegally.

Sir David also criticised lavatory arrangements at the prison, where chamber pots are sometimes used overnight.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE RATE CHANGE

Rate of interest charged to variable rate loans will reduce by 0.10% from the 1st May 1999. This notice is applicable to borrowers whose mortgage payments are updated annually. The effect of this change will be included in the Annual Update of payments in January 2000. The variable base rate of mortgage interest will be 6.85% for residential mortgages and 7.85% for commercial mortgages.

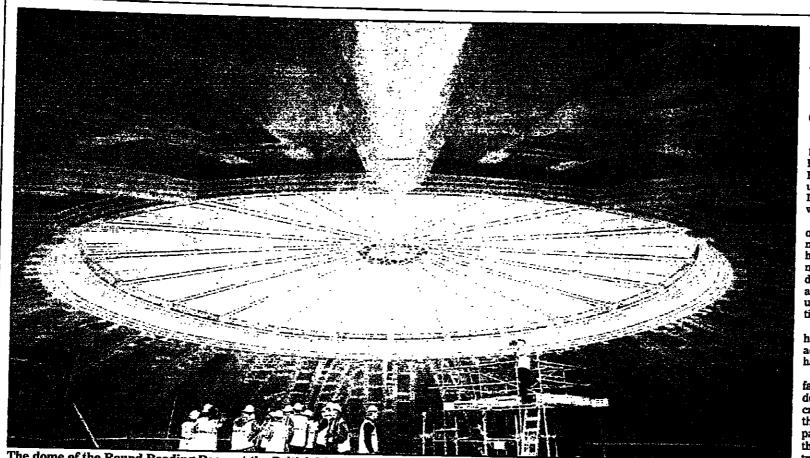
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Nelson comes to aid of reading room

EXPERTS RESTORING the British Museum's famous Round Reading Room are using a technique devised by Lord Nelson to make his ships

When the domed room opened to the public in the mid-nineteenth century it was hailed as one of the most remarkable interiors in London. Since then the original appearance has been lost under three radical restora-

Now specialist restorers have been able to reveal exactly how the space would have originally looked.

One of the problems they faced, however, was that the dome contained a network of cracks. These were caused by the shrinkage of the dome's papier maché panels and the thermal expansion and contraction of the iron structure supporting the timber joists

Media and Culture Editor

The museum has employed a method used by Nelson, involving caulk (waterproofing material) made from hemp. Nelson found that the flexibility of the hemp caulk counteracted the shrinking and leaking of the timbers on Royal Navy ships as they headed south to meet the French at the Battle of Trafalgar.

Like the structure of the reading room ceiling, the ships' timbers reacted to the change in climate, expanding when sailing north and contracting when sailing south. Nelson's solution inspired the restorers of the reading room to develop a repair scheme using textiles rather than conventional filler.

terday unveiled the innova-tive repairs. Now that the British Library has moved to its new premises in St Pancras the Round Reading Room will be used as a specialist arts li-

brary, open to everyone. The reading room's restoration is part of the museum's redevelopment of its central space, the Great Court, one of the nation's landmark millennium projects. The reading room will open to the public when the restoration of the Great Court is completed in

November 2000. The restoration of the Great Court includes the repair of the interior surface and the reinstatement of the original azure-blue, cream and gold decorative scheme devised by the original architect Sydney Smirke. His 1857 scheme has been uncovered beneath layers of paint from the three previ-

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Ticketing structure 'exploits' rail users

RAIL PASSENGERS are paying BY PHILIP THORNTON too much for their tickets because they are confused by the "chaotic fares jungle" that has developed since privatisation, it is claimed today.

Passengers are forced to choose from up to 30 fares between major UK destinations, with ticket prices varying sometimes by hundreds of pounds. according to a new survey.

Commuters can find themselves sitting next to a fellow passenger who has paid a fraction of the price to travel on the

more expensive ticket than they needed to. Analysis of the the maze without cutting the National Fares Manual found flexibility. Removing some fares there were 29 different fares between London and Glasgow's Central and Queen Street sta- erating Companies (Atoc) said tions, with prices ranging from

Susannah Hickling, deputy editor of Reader's Digest, said the situation, repeated across the country, was complicated by the number of restrictions on travel that were impossible for ordinary travellers to unravel. by the fact that although 60 per

Transport Correspondent

plain that rock-bottom fares they see advertised are never The national rail passenger

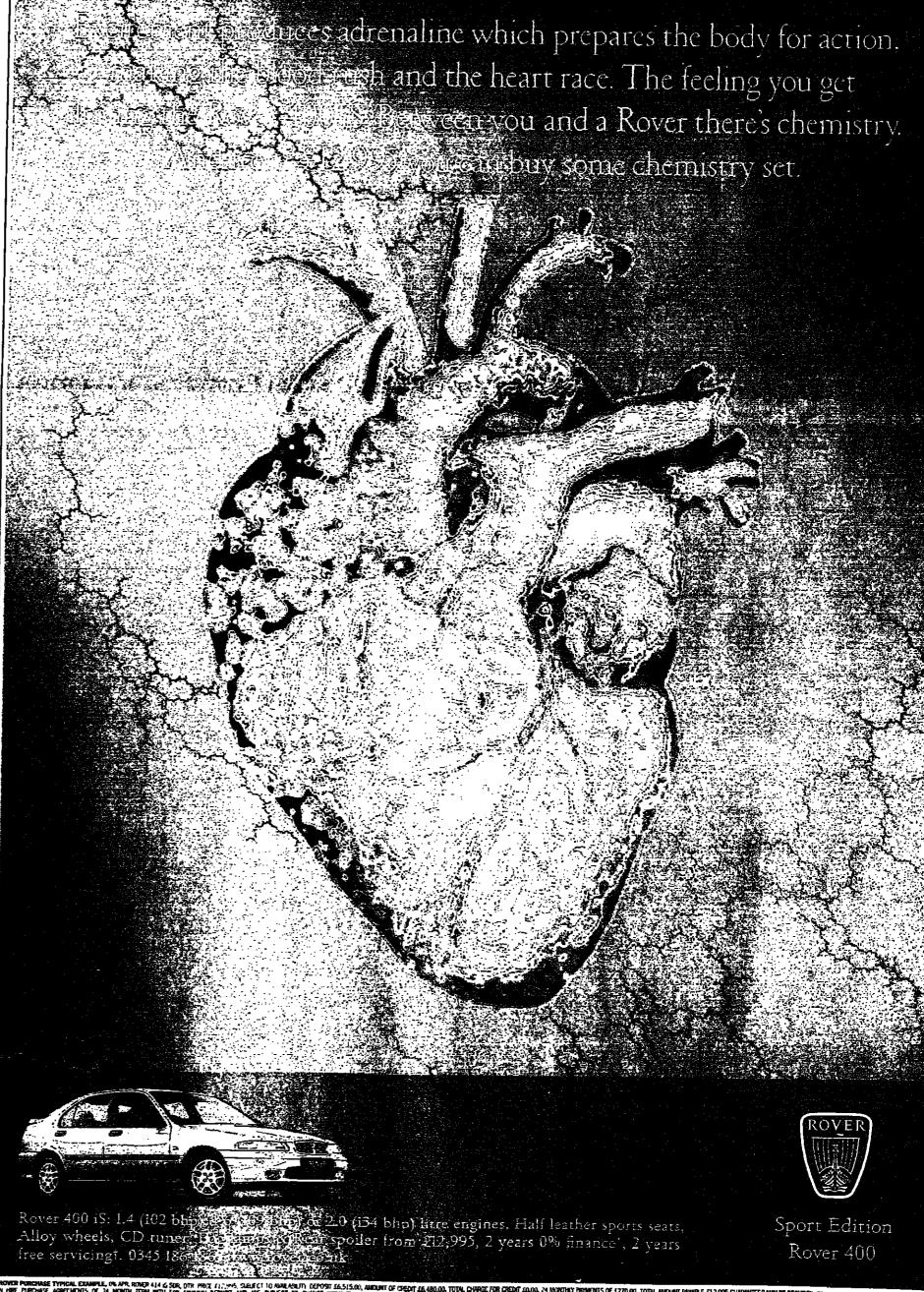
watchdog, the Central Rail Users' Consultative Committee, received 1,109 complaints on fares in 1998, a 78 per cent increase on the previous year. A spokesman, Philip Wilks, said: "It's a very complex fares structure and we would like to see it made simpler." But he acknowledged that with pubic A survey in the May issue of Reader's Digest magazine has subsidy falling, operators had to exploit the difference between fares. "We have to cut through could mean prices rocketing."

The Association of Train Opa new system, the Rail Journey Information System, was being introduced. "This will throw up the information more speedily and will make the existing variety of tickets far easier to handle," said a spokesman.

Last year, the Government called on train companies to The system is further confused simplify fares after it emerged by the fact that although 60 per cent of fares are regulated, some ticket prices were being hiked by 10 times the level of in-

companies are free to hike up the rest to any level they like. Jonathan Bray, of the lobby group Save Our Railways, said: "Passengers constantly com-	high on to tair Mort Governm gic Rail	he issue is he agenda con, who wi ient's plani Authority.	of Sir Alas II head th
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Earl delivers double whammy on hereditaries' demise

Secretary of State for Scotland's last appearance at the despatch box before the Scottish elections lacked a certain comph - not very surprismore important dramatis personae. and he had just taken a tubful. Alex Salmond, was nowhere to be seen. "Whairs your leaderstr?" lonely John Swinney, the sole member of the Scots Nats who could be collapsing election hopes. But Mr Dewar himself took a kindly line on his isolation: "In case anyone says something nasty about that from my

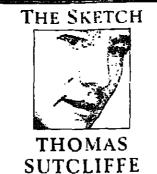
side," he said. "I think we should

AS HISTORICAL tableaux go the have some consideration for those apologised for the lack of enterwho might lose their seats." Mr tainment: "I'm not sure that's the Swinney grinned bravely - sympathy is one of the vilest substances you can have poured on you by an oping really given that one of the ponent higher in the opinion polls.

Mr Dewar was in a pretty chipper mood all round - buoyed up. shouted Labour backbenchers at the perhaps, by the exciting refrain that rang through ministerial replies: "From 1 July 1999 this will be a matspared from shoring up the party's ter for the Scottish Parliament" - want that admirable level of coand though there weren't many opportunities for his dry wit he did his best. After his very last question as

most exciting answer I've given but I hope, as it's likely to be my last. that it will have helped the Honourable Member," Mr Taylor muttered something sceptical about the prospect of ever seeing some Scottish members again. But Mr Dewar had reassurance: "He and I have been shouting abuse at each other for some 30 years - I'm sure he'll operation to continue".

The porridge of the Commons the hereditaries too - as they will lose some of its salt without Mr proved with a brief flurry of straw-Secretary of State, a drably infor- Dewar. And the Lords will un-clutching during the second day of what legal challenges could folmative reply to Teddy Taylor, he doubtedly have less savour without debate on the committee stage of low? Lord MacKay of Ardbrecknish



the House of Lords Bill. The Con-memorably tried to clarify matters servatives had detected what they with a sporting metaphor. Imagine claimed to be an error in the drafting of the Bill. Hereditaries did not he said, and had failed to be specific sit by virtue of their peerages, they about ball games in the legislation: argued as the current wording implies, but by virtue of a writ of summons from the Queen. The Government viewed this bit of constitutional pettifogging with considerable suspicion, despite he was doing. And in that respect, repeated protestations from the of course although entertaining, he Opposition benches that they only doesn't deliver the unique flavour had the Government's peace of mind at heart. If the Bill passed in its current form then who knows

that we were trying to ban cricket. "Supposing we did not specify a hard leather ball, and we just meant balls?" He looked the picture of innocence as peers sniggered but I had a feeling he knew exactly what that only the hereditaries can supply. Calculated nonsense is within the grasp of a life peer. But for the wild flare of instinctive tosh you need members of more venerable

pedigree. Earl Ferrers supplied a good example yesterday, first insisting that he and his colleagues sought nothing but to protect the Government from its own folly, and then going on to point up the deep irony that Tony Blair should be fighting ethnic cleansers in Yugoslavia and pursuing "hereditary cleansing" in London. As I imagined a poignant straggle of refugees making its way across St James's Park, I realised that Earl Ferrers had pulled off a double. He supplied incontrovertible evidence of why the hereditaries should be dispatched and a reason for regretting that they

Senior Tory quits as 'civil war' deepens

THE TURMOIL at the top of the CONSERVATIVE PARTY parture last night, with sources Conservative Party deepened last night when a senior Tory official resigned following William Hague's attempt to make a clean break with Thatcherism. over responsibility for member-

party's director of membership and marketing, is believed to have been told to leave Conservative Central Office (CCO) when he was summoned to a the party chairman, yesterday.

Mr Simmonds is a close political ally of Michael Portillo. the former cabinet minister who turn. He was regarded as a "ris-

Friends said he was unhappy at last week's rejection of freemarket solutions for education. nealth and welfare by Mr Hague health, education and welfare. and Peter Lilley, his deputy: "He is the first casualty of our civil wan" one Tory insider told The independent last night.

Ar Simmonds, who was not available for comment, played a her role in the 1907 general election campaign as political adviser to Brian Mawhinney, then party chairman, and his successor to play down Mr Simmonds' de-

By ANDREW GRICE

Lord Parkinson, before taking Michael Simmonds, the ship involvement and marketing.

His departure followed a mole-hunt at CCO launched after it emerged that the first draft of Mr Lilley's controversial speech went even further meeting with Michael Ancram, in distancing the party from Baroness Thatcher's legacy.

The leaked draft showed that Mr Lilley had planned to say: "Most Conservatives have has criticised Mr Hague's U- always accepted that the public services are intrinsically ing star" by fellow Tory officials. unsuited to delivery via the market." It also said "market processes have at best an auxiliary role to play" in providing

> Mr Lilley watered down his the market had "only a limited role in improving public services" - after criticism from Shadow Cabinet colleagues, But the leak added to the controversy over Mr Hague's policy switch.

The party leadership sought

close to Mr Hague saying it was "not the end of the world".

But Tory MPs were gloomy as the news spread at Westminster One said Mr Hague's attempt to relaunch the party with a "caring" image on public services had backfired spectacularly by advertising Tory divisions ahead of next week's elections to local authorities and the Scottish and Welsh assemblies.

Tory headquarters said in a statement that Mr Simmonds had resigned his office. Mr Ancram said: "Michael Simmonds has given substantial and committed service to our party, for which I am grateful." Mr Hague's allies insisted he

would press on with his drive to reposition the party. "He is determined to get the message across that we are committed speech - in which he said that to the public services as predominantly taxpayer-funded organisations," one aide said.

Today, Labour will seek to exploit the Tory divisions, with three ministers claiming the Tories are still "lurching to the right" on policy despite Mr Hague's "warm words".



MPs paint their memories of childhood

painting talents and their memories assessed yesterday by a judging panel put together by the Pre-school Learning Alliance

The charity, which is building up to a campaign climax next month, has persuaded MPs of all parties in England to visit pre-schools - which cater for under-fives outside main**EDUCATION** By ANNA DEDHAR

stream schooling and rely on voluntary funding and grants talk to parents and children.

and paint a childhood memory. Three pictures were chosen yesterday and the artists will take part in a "paint-off" for the alliance's "From Playdough to

Plato" day in London on 12 May: closed last year and 1,700 were Margaret Lochrie, chief executive of the charity said yes- that the introduction of the terday the competition aimed to highligh: the importance of play and learning for children particularly in areas of poverty and unemployment where facilities

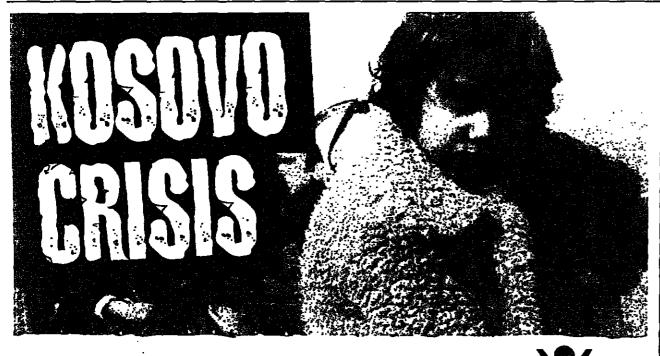
at home may be few. Mrs Lochrie said that of 17.500 pre-schools. 1,500 had due to report in August.

threatened this year. She added minimum wage had put a extra burden on many which "were operating on a shoe string". Margaret Hodge, Education

minister, last month announced an independent review to look at pre-school closures, which is



Spider, by the Tory party leader, William Hague



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Irvine warns peers their legal challenge is doomed House of Lords by virtue of an was a "concept which the or-

THE LORD Chancellor gave a HOUSE OF LORDS firm warning to hereditary peers yesterday that any attempts to mount a legal challenge over plans to scrap their voting rights were "doomed in

Lord Irvine of Lairg insisted during the resumed committee stage of the House of Lords Bill that the legislation in its present form was "watertight" and in "no way unambiguous or obscure in its in-

The Tories intend to exploit an apparent legal loophole, saying a key part of the Bill is flawed and cannot be imple-

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Stephen Lawrence's

death will be reporting

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Home Secretary, said.

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Employment minister,

Margaret Hodge said.

Tourist board

A NEW body, the English

Tourism Council, is to be

set up, the Secretary of

State for Culture, Chris

Smith announced.

to custody this year.

from 1 October, the

leaking of the report on

BY SARAH SCHAEFER Political Reporter

mented until the end of the current five-year Parliament.

Lord Mackay of Ardbrecknish, for the Opposition, quoted a 1632 case when the Earl of Bristol did not receive the customary writ from Charles I but fully and took his seat.

did not receive the writ would Act is going to set aside cenbe able to petition the new Par-turies of constitutional practice liament for the right to be sum- and precedent." moned. "The lawyer says:

ship of the House is conferred by obedience to a writ of sum-

writ is merely a summons. That once it has been answered, once the peer has come to this House then the writ cannot be used as a means petitioned the House success- to eject a peer A peer who has answered the writ and taken his This meant hereditaries who oath, sits here as of right. This

But Lord Irvine insisted that Nobody is a member of the the abolition of hereditaries

hereditary peerage. Member- dinary man in the street, and the judges, will have no difficulty in construing".

Earlier, Lord Trefgarne, a "There are those who say the former defence minister, said peers were determined to defy the Government and petition the Lords on the grounds of the historical precedent once the legislation has passed.

"I think the position will be that if we are excluding from the House at the end of this session by the alleged effect of the present Bill, then come the next session we can come back and say, Excuse me, we are ready to start again'."

Fresh talks will **QUESTIONS** try to end the Ulster impasse Lawrence leak

will give another push to the peace process in Northern Ireland next week by holding cross-party talks in a fresh attempt to break the deadlock over the IRA's refusal to

decommission its weapons. Downing Street said last night that it was likely that the two Prime Ministers would host a fresh round of talks, probably in Belfast, after meeting the Province's minor parties in bilateral discussions which are due to be held this week in

London and Dublin. But there was deep scepticism about the prospects of reaching a breakthrough. What is the point of holding more talks? What are we going

Back in jail to discuss?" said one Ulster THE HOME Office party leader last night. The Prime Minister briefed minister, George Howarth, said more than Mr Ahern yesterday on the 300 "tagged" prisoners talks that he had held with President Bill Clinton over the have had their licences revoked or been returned weekend during the Washington summit on Northern Ire-

TONY BLAIR and Bertie Ahern NORTHERN IRELAND BY COLIN BROWN Chief Political Correspondent

all that he could to assist the search for a breakthrough in the deadlock, but the two leaders were agreed that there was little sign of any progress.

Privately. Mr Blair has told his colleagues that a way through the impasse could be found quite easily, if the two sides, Sinn Fein and the Unionists, were prepared to compromise. He still believes that the Hillsborough declaration remains the best way through the blockage, but that it is now virtually a dead letter with the main parties.

John Hume, the leader of the nationalist SDLP, has put forward a fresh initiative, suggesting that the Sinn Fein leaders, Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness, should be appointed to the assembly's executive, but that they could be removed if there was any land. Mr Clinton pledged to do return to violence by the IRA.



Food profits report request THE GOVERNMENT was

urged yesterday to allow the public to see if supermarkets were making unjustified profits. Tim Yeo, Tory Agriculture spokesman, called for the publishing of quarterly figures comparing farm gate and retail prices.

Last address

DONALD DEWAR addressed the Commons for the last time as Secretary of Sate for Scotland Mr Dewar has made it clear he will seek to become Scotland's First Minister after the elections to the Holyrood

Parliament on 6 May. Today's agenda

Commons At 2.30pm Northern Ireland questions. Prime Minister's questions.

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Bishops speak out for SNP policies

SCOTLAND'S ROMAN Catholic bishops yesterday indicated a clear preference for the policies of the Scottish National Party. A statement from the bishops, to be read out at every Catholic church on Sunday, represents a snub to Labour, traditionally the party of Scottish Catholics, and marks a new low point in

relations with the Government. In line with SNP policy, the some party's policies coincide Catholic hierarchy's document opposes Labour's introduction of university tuition fees and demands that "nuclear weapons are banished and resources re-targeted to our people's has made no secret of his symneeds". In a side-swipe at Labour, which has moved to conference of European bishclose Catholic schools in a number of areas, the document calls for legislators who will respect and support Catholic schools.

Although the bishops stop short of endorsing the SNP's decision to forgo the one penny Budget cut in income tax to fund public services, the bishops state: "Politicians must be prepared to take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that adequate funding is made available for the care of the sick and the elderly."

Eddie Barnes, editor of the Scottish Catholic Observer, a weekly religious newspaper, said: "Clearly some of the SNP policies are in accordance with what the Catholic church has long been saying. There is some obvious crossover."

However, the 800-word statement stons short of actually endorsing the SNP stating that "it is not our intention to advise electors which party or candi-

dates they should favour". Publication was delayed for a week after some senior clerics said the original was too party political. It is understood that the first draft was watered down to place the Catholic

BY JACK O'SULLIVAN Scotland Correspondent

church equidistant between the nationalist and Unionist

Monsignor Tom Connolly, a spokesman for the Catholic church in Scotland, said: *Catholic social teaching is Catholic social teaching. If with that, so much the better. The idea of the church being pro-SNP is absolute bunkum." Cardinal Thomas Winning,

leader of Scotland's Catholics, pathies for nationalism. At a ops last year, he said, to SNP delight, that Scottish nationalism was "mature, respectful of democracy and international in outlook". Before the 1992 general election, the then Archbishop Winning attacked Labour's pro-abortion policy.

Last night, the SNP welcomed the latest intervention from the Catholic bishops. An SNP spokesman said: "The fact that some of the bishops' views accord with SNP policy positions simply reflects the fact that those positions represent consensus opinion in Scotland." A Labour spokesman refused to

Yesterday's development came after a statement sympathetic to nationalism from the Rev John Cairns, who next month takes over as Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Mr Cairns highlighted the General Assembly's longstanding support for devolution, and added: "If it transpired that the people of Scotland wanted something more, on the same basis the Church could well support that as well. The key thing is the wishes of the people of Scotland."



Alex Salmond, SNP leader, canvassing Nancy Clarke (left) in Dunfermline yesterday as her friend avoids the glare of the cameras

Blair under pressure to reveal Lib-Lab 'vote pact' for Scotland

TONY BLAIR was under pres- By FRAN ABRAMS sure last night to disclose details of a secret deal between Labour and the Liberal Democrats which could lead to a coalition in the new Scottish Parliament.

Alex Salmond, the Scottish National Party leader, wrote angry letters to both the Prime Minister and the Liberal Democrat leader. Paddy Ashdown. last night after senior Labour figures denied there was any

A meeting in 1996, detailed in a new biography of Peter Mandelson by The Independent's chief political columnist, Donald Macintyre, thrashed out the bones of the agreement. Held at the home of the now Lord Chancellor, Derry Irvine, it also included Mr Blair, Mr Ashdown,

AND JACK O'SULLIVAN

Robin Cook, Gordon Brown and the now Secretary of State for Scotland, Donald Dewar, Other senior Liberal Democrats present included Archy Kirkwood, MP for Roxburgh and Berwick. and Menzies Campbell, now Liberal Democrat foreign affairs and defence spokesman.

The book said the two parties also promised to strive not to damage each other in the coming general election, and to work towards a coalition in Scotland if Labour failed to win a working majority in the elections for its new Parliament.

Pressed about the meeting yesterday, Mr Dewar refused to deny it had taken place. "I have not got an agreement with the

ing took place, certainly you can take it that as a result there is no agreement. I do not have a list in my back pocket of Liberal Democrats," he told Labour's press conference in Glasgow yesterday morning.

Some Labour aides predict-

ed that there would be Liberal Democrat ministers in the new Parliament, though, while others suggested there would be opposition to the move from both Labour and Liberal Democrat members. Moves at Westminster to bring the Liberal Democrats and Labour closer together met with fierce opposition from some quarters.

Mr Salmond dismissed the deal as "deeply undemocratic". In letters to Mr Blair and Mr Ashdown, he demanded to "impeccably sourced" book favouring anyone who might adwas wrong or whether Mr Dewar was failing to tell the whole truth. "The people of Scotland have a right to know what was decided at this secret London meeting in relation to the Scottish Parliament. Who is correct - Donald Macintyre or

vance their cause. "Heaven

knows what was discussed. It

looks as if they were trying to

stitch up the Scottish elections.

It is pretty vile to patronise the

Scottish electorate like this

and reveals a very Machiavel-

lian approach to what was

meant to be a refreshing elec-

Mr Dewar had been repeat-

edly pressed for details of the

meeting after reports that he

might be prepared to oppose

Mr Blair on the issue and

Yesterday the former Liber-

al leader, Lord (David) Steel of

Aikwood, said a deal with

Labour now looked most likely

because it would almost cer-

tainly be the largest party.

refuse to form a coalition.

tion for Scotland," he said.

Donald Dewar? "This is a major revelation which exposes the real motivation of London Labour and the Lib Dems in this campaign. They have tried to carve up the Scottish election campaign in London - on a cynical and negative anti-SNP agenda," he

The Conservatives also reacted angrily to the revelation. A party spokesman accused the Liberal Democrats of be-

Campaigns 8 DAYS TO GO

IN SCOTLAND, Labour promised property reforms which would give communities the right to to buy the land on which hey live. The Liberal Democrats published asurvey which, they said, showed Labour was not delivering on its health promises. Conservatives continued their attack on university tuition fees, publishing a Bill for their abolition which they said should be introduced in the first session of the Scottish Parlia-

LABOUR IS on course to hold the marginal Monmouth seat. An NOF poll for the television company HTV gives Labour 40 per cent of the vote, the Tories 33 per cent. Lib Dems 10 per cent, Plaid Cymru 9 per cent and the 'Monmouthshire candidate" 8 per cent.

TWO MILLIONAIRES have donated £100,000 to help the Scottish Tories, Sir. Graham Kirkham and Lord Harris of Peckham each gave £50,000. Labour received £50,000 from the AEEU and £25,000 from the TGWU.

WELSH BAND The Manic Street Preachers have refused to allow one of their songs to be used by Labour in the assembly elections. It contains a quote from Aneurin Bevan: "This is my truth, tell me yours". Apparently the Manics' lyricist, Nicky Wire, is more Old than New Labour and is disgusted with the party's rightward shift.

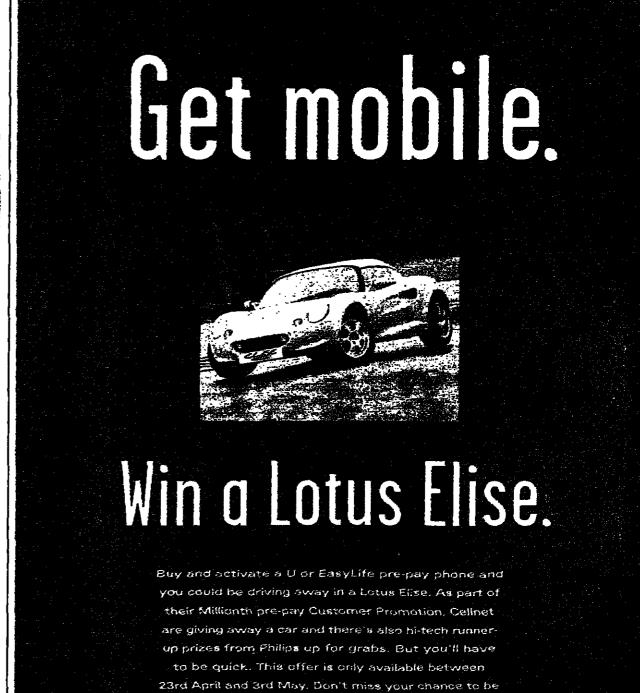
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Tesco and Unilever ban GM products

OVERNMENT reassurances By Paul Waugh yout the safety of genetically Political Correspondent odified foods were further idermined vesterday when oth Tesco and Unilever anounced they were banning M ingredients from their roducts.

Britain's biggest supermaret chain and the world's rgest food manufacturer uniled their new policy just ours after Jack Cunningham, ne Minister for the Cabinet Ofce. made a staunch defence of ie benefits of GM crops and

Tesco revealed it was workig with Greenpeace to remove nodified ingredients from its 'wn meals and would label early all other products that pntained them.

The company's decision folws pressure from customers ad criticism from environnentalists that it was the only ne of the big chains to refuse respond to public concern. Tesco, the market leader afeway, Sainsbury's, Iceland, larks and Spencer and Waitose in seeking GM-free prodcts and boosting its organic

ange. More than 150 of Tesco's its 0.000 own-label products conain modified soya and maize nd the chain has agreed to ork with Greenpeace in a ask force to find reliable purces of GM-free ingredi-

. John Longworth. Tesco tradng law and technical director. gid customers believed GM roducts offered no new benets. "We will remove GM inredients where we can and

label where we can't. In the short and medium term I expect the number of products containing GM ingredients to decline steadily, quite possibly

Peter Melchett, executive director of Greenpeace UK. said that the spotlight was now on Nestle to phase out the in-

Greenpeace said it was "delighted" that Unilever, owner of Birds Eye Walls and one of the most popular manufacturers of ready meals, had taken its de-

Mr Cunningham had told MPs the GM foods and crops were now "a reality" and helped to boost Britain's £70bn a year biotechnology industry.

Mr Cunningham, who chairs the Cabinet committee set up by Tony Blair to co-ordinate Government policy on GM issues, told the environmental ith a turnover of £18.5bn. joins audit select committee that "media hysteria" had skewed public debate to date.

Some aspects of the public debate have been ill-informed. often fuelled by a barrage of media hysteria." he said.

"About 4.5 million hectares of land are in cultivation in the UK. GM crops have grown for 19 years in North America with almost no effects on biodiversity.

Mr Cunningham did confirm that the Chief Medical Officer and the Chief Scientific Officer had been commissioned to look into the health and safety aspects of GM foods and their report would be made publicly



British surgeons are alarmed at findings which showed that plastic surgery patients are more likely to have personality disorders Corbis

Depression and suicide bids rife in patients seeking cosmetic surgery

PEOPLE WHO request cosmetic surgery on their faces are more likely to be suffering from personality disorders, a new study has found.

The study, which is to be presented today at an American plastic surgery conference. reveals that half of those seeking "nose jobs" suffer from clinical depression and nearly a third have attempted suicide. Its author. Dr Henri Gaboriau, of the Department of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery, at Tulane University. in New Orleans, said that the study was intended to help doc-

tic surgery was appropriate. "The study attempts to

tors decide in which cases plas-

BY CHERRY NORTON Social Affairs Correspondent

describe the personality disorders of patients seeking facial plastic surgery to allow the specialist to make an informed decision to treat, or not to treat," he said "Some of these patients may benefit from having surgery but the majority may not need cosmetic surgery to address their problems.

The findings showed that there was a high level of conflict between surgeons and patients suffering personality disorders after surgery and these patients were more likely to seek legal redress.

British cosmetic surgeons have just one small problem. patients revealed that two-

said that the findings were such as their nose or ears, alarming and warned surgeons to investigate patients' motivations for having surgery before they operated.

Our surgeons are always on the lookout for patients with a personality disorder or for patients who have got expectations that are far too high or cannot be corrected by surgery," said Peter Coles, the director of the Harley Medical Group, one of the largest private cosmetic and plastic surgery providers in Britain.

"Surgeons see a lot of patients and can sense if they are unbalanced. Most of our patients are well-adjusted people and

which they want to correct." The American researchers reviewed a wide range of studies of patients who had under-

gone plastic surgery. They found that over two thirds of all cosmetic surgery was carried out on the face or neck and that nearly a third of these operations were on the nose. Assessments of the patients prior to their operations

showed that 50 per cent were clinically depressed. 70 per cent suffered from anxiety, 20 substance abuse, and nearly 30 per cent had attempted suicide. Further analysis of 133

ity disorders. A quarter were categorised as narcissism and. one in twenty as having an obsessive-compulsive disorder. One in 40 showed schizo-

phrenic or paranoid tendencies. "A person's self-image plays a key role in the development of personality. Young men and women with a subjective negative impression of their self image develop defence mechanisms to cope with low esteem, said Dr Gaboriau. "Later in life, they may request per cent had problems with cosmetic surgery to "normalise" a perceived abnormal appearance but cosmetic surgery may not be the an-

WHO attacks rules on tobacco

BY JOHN VON RADOWITZ

TOBACCO PRODUCERS should be as tightly regulated as the manufacturers of nicotine patches, the head of the World Health Organisation said yesterday.

Dr Gro Harlem Brundtland director-general of the WHO, told a meeting of pharmaceutical regulators in Berlin: "A cigarette is a euphemism for a cleverly crafted product that delivers just the right amount of nicotine to keep its user addicted for life before killing the person."

She called on internationa food and drug regulators to bring cigarettes under the same rules that govern the sales and promotion of nicotine products designed to help people give up smoking.

It is the first time such a move has been urged by the WHO. Dr Brundtland said the organisation planned to convene a high-level meeting of regulators to assess the extent to which the tobacco industry had tried to cover up the real-

ity of nicotine addiction.

Dr Brundtland added: "Part of the failure of past tobacco control stems from the incongruous way tobacco products have been regulated. Tobacco's selling price is often regulated through taxes. The cigarette box is marginally controlled in many countries through mandated health warnings. And tobacco advertising is controlled

only in some countries. "But the root problem... is the product itself. Cigarettes are inherently dangerous products. The tobacco companies. despite knowing this for many years, have steadfastly chosen not to remedy this, and to press forward their sales."

Clive Bates, director of the anti-smoking group Action on Smoking and Health (ASH), said: "We've never seen anything like this from WHO before. It signals a new determination to tackle tobacco at the global level."

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Barrister 'sweatshops' are outlawed

BARRISTER "SWEATSHOPS". BY ROBERT VERKAIK where trainee barristers are paid nothing to do administrative work and make simple court applications, will have to change their practices, after a landmark legal opinion ob-

tained by the Bar Council. The opinion, given by three barristers - one a Queen's Counsel - has been sent to all heads of chambers. It makes it clear that all trainee barristers, known as pupils, are now sub-

Legal Affairs Correspondent

ject to the 1998 EU Working Time Regulations, while those over the age of 20 qualify for the national minimum wage.

As a significant proportion of barristers' pupils are over 26, the opinion will mean that chambers must pay pupils £8,000 a year. In the past they have paid them nothing. This practice, mainly restricted to

obliged aspiring barristers to take unfunded pupillages.

Steve Doherty, a spokesman for the Bar Council, said that those chambers that did not comply with the guidance would be "flouting the law of the land" and that the Bar Council

would take a "dim view of this". He admitted that chambers adhering to the new laws might be forced to cut the number of pupillage places available. "We

smaller sets of chambers, has simply don't know how many unfunded pupillages there are because chambers are not obliged to tell us," he said.

But it has been common practice in some chambers to take on more pupils than can be offered permanent employ-ment, so that there are sufficient pupils to carry out support work for senior barristers, "It's really very cheap skilled labour."

said Mr Doherty. The opinion, given by Jere-

Eady and Sarah Moor, says that under the Working Time Regulations chambers must also give pupils three weeks' paid holiday. But it also says that chambers can enter into individual written agreements with pupils to "contract out" of

David Richmond passed his Bar exams in 1992 but after several attempts at finding a funded pupillage he was forced to

the 48-hour week.

abandon his legal career and take a job as a waiter in the department store Harvey Nichols.

"I was paid much more as a waiter than I would have been as a pupil," said Mr Richmond. "It came to a point when I had to decide how much longer I could continue living on the breadline." Mr Richmond, now a magistrates' court clerk, says that he blames the "sweatshop" mentality of some cham-

talented trainee barristers without private incomes who have to sacrifice their career at the Bar because of money prob-

lems," he said. Nigel Savage, chief executive of the College of Law, said that he welcomed the opinion because it would force chambers to pay their pupils an honest "If they are not prepared to do bers for his inability to find a

that then they shouldn't take

Georgina Kent, chairman of the Young Bar, said that she too welcomed the development: "It will make chambers think how they are going to award pupil-lages in the future."

She added that some chambers, mainly civil sets and the better-off criminal chambers did already pay pupils the



Tamarin Stott, of the City Ballet of London, preparing to dance in Leadenhall Market yesterday. The touring company, which was celebrating its move from Holborn to a new base at the financial heart of the City, starts a British tour with Wayne Sleep in June

Neville Elder

the National Heart Forum.

Klim McPherson, professor

the London School of Hygiene

and Tropical Medicine, said:

"Men under 65 are eliminating

Students guilty of murdering friend

BY ANDREW BUNCOMBE

TWO TEENAGE students who murdered a college friend before burning and burying his body were last night facing life

Neil Sayers was yesterday found guilty of murdering his close friend Russell Crookes. who was 17 at the time, by attacking him with a knife. His accomplice, Graham Wallis, had previously pleaded guilty to murder and named Sayers as his partner in the killing, which took place in May last year.

Yesterday at Maidstone Crown Court Mr Justice Newman suspended sentencing to allow the compilation of reports on the killers, after the jury raised concerns about the supervision of students at Hadlow College, near Tonbridge in Kent, where the three had been studying horticulture. As the jury returned their unanimous verdict they passed a note to the judge expressing their worries.

Mr Justice Newman adjourned the hearing until 7 May. He said: "All members of the jury expressed their concern about the lack of supervision and adequate pastoral care of the under-18s resident at the college.'

The court heard that the trio had once been inseparable friends. obsessed with survival techniques and the Army, but Wallis, 18, from Croydon, Surrey, and Sayers, 19, of Gillingham in Kent. decided to kill



Teenage killers Graham Wallis (left) and Neil Sayers

ting on their nerves" and they considered him to be a bully. The court was told that the

murder took place as other students were enjoying a disco. Instead of dancing, the trio went to some nearby woods and sat around a fire, drinking beer and cider. As they walked back to college. Wallis and Sayers set about their friend, stabbing him repeatedly in the chest and legs. Wallis told the jury how Crookes pleaded for his help - and said that instead of jumping to his defence he put a hand over his former friend's

neck and around the head. "Russ asked him why he'd done it. Neil said nothing and then went back and stabbed Russell again," said Wallis. "I saw the stabs to the chest and to the legs. He again asked why, before asking me to help him.

mouth and stabbed him in the

because he had started making a kind of roar, a noise, I put my hand over his mouth and then tried to stab Russell in the neck and head."

Having made sure Crookes

was dead, the pair sprayed his

body with lighter fuel and set it alight before returning to their room for biscuits and orange juice. The next day they buried the remains in a shallow grave. A spokesman for Hadlow College said last night: "This is a tragedy for all concerned, par-

ticularly the families of the three young men. Our thoughts are with them at this time." After the case, Crookes's sister, Sarah, said: "How could

anybody do that to a fellow human being and a friend? We think it's the right verdict. We are relieved." Her father, Malcolm, added: "Things will never ever, no matter how hard we try

Heart disease in rapid decline

HEART DISEASE is falling so By JEREMY LAURANCE fast among men in the upper social classes that heart-affack deaths below retirement age are becoming a thing of the past, a leading epidemiologist said

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men and women in the UK claims 150,000 lives a year, but the rate is falling by 4 per cent annually and is set to drop The single biggest killer of below 100,000 deaths within 25

the disease - it is going down fast. Social class I men are becoming almost risk-free." The trend is also clear in women, though less dramatiin cholesterol levels between the upper and lower social classes - the main risk factor for heart disease - but the ad-

> have better medical care. The rapid fall in heart disease rates among the rich shows what can be achieved when the risk factors are altered, experts

years, according to a report by medical organisations, said yesterday. But they warned that progress in the UK was still too of public health epidemiology at slow and the gap between the social classes was widening.

Speaking at the launch of a report, Looking to the Future, Gerald Shaper, emeritus professor of clinical epidemiology at the Royal Free hospital in London, said Britain had been slower to recognise the importance cally. There is little difference of diet than other countries. such as the US and Australia. where death rates are 30 per cent lower than in the UK.

"The composition of the diet vantage enjoyed by the rich is is the fundamental factor making people susceptible to heart disease. All other factors, such as smoking and high blood pressure, are aggravating factors. The US moved to alter the diet a decade before Britain. We have been very reluctant to accept that it is a nutritional disease," he said.

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BBC RADIO 4 is full of second- BY JUDITH JUDIO Education Editor

humour, according to one of its lifelong fans and latest critic, David Blunkett, the Secretary of State for Education. In an article, Mr Blunkett yesterday said Radio 4 had been his

remembered dancing as a fourvear-old with his mother to the signature tune of The Archers. Of radio drama, he said: "Until a year or two ago, there were superb productions coming from the beleaguered edi-

Now, however, that had changed. "I fear that a lifetime's pleasure is being replaced by second-rate and poorly produced dramas which try too hard to be clever and seem too often to reflect the need to meet a quota from independent production companies rather than a high standard of quality drama."

He went on to lambast a "new wave of comedy programmes which seem to reflect the worst standards of undergraduate humour". And he criticised new trailers for programmes. "[They] presume that we are jumping up and down clapping our hands while listening rather than being a part of an intelligent audience."

He urged Radio 4 to rediscover the balance between gentorial and production staff, the entertainment and serious current affairs before the "real Radio 4" is lost for ever. A BBC spokeswoman said: "It

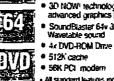
is a shame that David Blunkett seems to have missed the recent acclaimed productions of Eleak House and Villette ... We hope he will manage to hear the very different styles of comedy in Quote Unquote and the new series Yes I Can Boogie, written by and featuring able builied and disabled performers, as well as tuning in to the 1999 Reith lectures."

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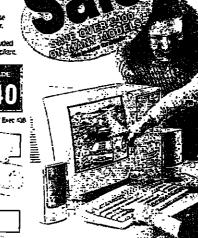
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British police may supervise East Timor elections

VDONESIA HAS asked for a By DIARMID O'SULLIVAN iritish police presence when in Bali he people of East Timor vote n their political future on 8 lugust. Five other countries re being asked for police to jote, which may lead to East

The UK have the capabiliies. They've always shown inarest in the country and the egion and they have accumuated experience all around the

world," Indonesia's President, BJ Habibie, said vesterday.

The other five countries are elp supervise the UN-backed Australia - whose Prime Minister, John Howard, met Mr 'mor's independence after 23 Habibie yesterday - the United ears of harsh Indonesian rule. States, Japan, the Philippines and Germany.

It is not yet clear how many police officers will be needed. There are more than 400 villages in East Timor, many in re- the officers will be armed.

mote mountain valleys, and some diplomats have suggested that up to half a dozen foreign police might be needed for each one.

The officers would have an advisory role, helping Indonesian police to manage the voting. In practice, they will be there to see that East Timorese supporters of continued Indonesian rule do not try to thwart the vote through terrorism and violence. It is not clear whether

Dozens, possibly hundreds. of East Timorese have been killed by loyalist militias this year. The militias have been given a free rein by Indonesian

officers opposed to independence, and reports of fresh killings filter out daily. The loyalists suspect they will be targets for retribution

once Jakarta pulls out.

The request for British police officers for East Timor surprised the Foreign Office min-

Bali vesterday for a meeting with Mr Habible. "We only heard about it this afternoon. We have started to discuss some of the details with the president," he said.

However, Mr Fatchett said Britain was willing to help. "There are a number of details we have to work on: first of all. the security issues, the police involved and what is needed.

function. It's not a peacekeeping force," he said.

East Timor today to meet local Western countries, Britain has started to take an interest in the territory after years of nesian rule. turning a blind eye to reports of Indonesian atrocities.

Indonesia and Portugal -The function we're talking the former colonial power in

New York a plan to allow the East Timorese greater auto-Mr Fatchett is due to fly to nomy within Indonesia. Indonesia has agreed to pull out end of May. leaders on the first visit by a completely from the former British minister Like many Portuguese colony if residents reject autonomy. In effect, the vote is a referendum on Indo-

> At the talks, Mr Habibie announced that he now "fully accepts" the whole autonomy plan, including the presence of

foreign police, and it will be ister Derek Fatchett when he about, and it's very important East Timor – have been nego-flew to the Indonesian island of to recognise this, is a police tiating at the United Nations in which has offered to pay rough. ly half of the cost of the vote, wants the police to go in by the

Britain and Australia are presenting Mr Habibie's state-

ment as a breakthrough. "We have got the green light to go through to the ballot," Mr Fatchett said. Mr Habibie has "the power, responsibility and wish" to see the East Timor problem solved peacefully.

Arafat fails to set date for independence

'ASSER ARAFAT, the Palestin- By PATRICK COCKBURN an leader backed away yeserday from declaring an ndependent state next month favoured declaring a Palestinit a meeting of Palestinian eaders in Gaza.

ioes not want to do anything to ielp Benjamin Netanyahu, the sraeli prime minister, to win e-election on 4 May.

Mr Arafat told some 100 nembers of the Central Coun-Organisation meeting in his lave the right to declare inderendence, but he did not name he day when they would.

Earlier. Mr Arafat received letter from President Bill Plinton stating that the US vanted to wrap up talks on ssues such as Jerusalem. refugees, settlements and borlers within a year. President Ilinton said the Palestinians and the right to be "a free eople on their own land" and te condemned the expansion of sraeli settlements on the West

Such American declarations. vhich seldom bring practical learly begun to pail with some nuti the leader on the West Bank of Fatah, the main Palesinian political movement, said with Israel in the White House,

in Gaza

ian state on 4 May, at the end of the five-year interim period He is under pressure from of the Oslo accords. He said he US not to declare Pales- Palestinians were frustrated. A inian independence and he small crowd gathered behind steel barriers some distance from Mr Arafat's office, shouting: "Yes to the state of the free on the fourth of May."

Ahmed Yassin, leader of the Islamic movement Hamas, and il of the Palestine Liberation three of his senior lieutenants attended the closed session of Jaza office that Palestinians the Central Council as observers. They said all negotiations with Israel should be broken off.

In recent months Mr Arafat has relied almost wholly on international pressure as a lever on Mr Netanyahu, but without demonstrable effect.

Nabil Shaath. one of his senior aides, said that in many ways the Palestinians already had an independent state in Gaza, but "it is a state under siege".

This siege can be lifted only by agreement with Israel and not a unilateral declaration of independence by the Palespenefits to Palestinians, have tinians, which would not change the facts on the ground. alestinian leaders. Standing In the past six months Israel outside Mr Arafat's heavily has built 12 new settlements on expressions of American

Workers in Gaza can get Palestinians had already into Israel only after stringent signed several agreements security checks. The head of the Israel prison at Erez, one of the out they have never been main checkpoints, was suspended this week after an Mr Barghouti said he Israeli army investigation,

started by a soldier's complaint, revealed that Palestinian workers in detention were beaten, humiliated and denied medical attention.

The Central Council meeting in Gaza is likely to adjourn until after the Israeli elections. which Mr Arafat hopes Mr Netanyahu loses. This also enables the Palestinian leader to use the threat of a declaration of independence as a lever on the US to become involved in negotiations with Israel.

Mr Netanyahu claims his toughness prevents the Palestinians claiming statehood. He said vesterday that Mr Arafat "knows that as long as I am prime minister of Israel, such a state, with Jerusalem as its capital, will not be established". A central theme of the Israeli

prime minister's election campaign is that he has stopped suicide bomb attacks, made Israelis feel safer, but has made few concessions to the Palestinians. He had threatened to formally annex parts of the West Bank if the Palestinians declare an independent state.

The Israeli opposition One Israel party has accused Mr Netanyahu of brokering "a honeymoon" in relations between Mr Arafat and the US. But the Israeli leader may calculate that with a US presidential suarded office. Marwan Bargh the West Bank, despite election he has little to fear with pressure from Washington.

There were momentary fears that the bombers had returned yesterday when a car blew up in Rishon LeZion outside Tel Aviv yesterday, killing a child and injuring three people. Police suspect the mo-



tive was criminal, not political. Yasser Arafat greets supporters at his meeting in Gaza yesterday

Clinton takes on the gun lobby

Algerian president takes power ABDELAZIZ BOUTEFLIKA was sworn in as President of Algeria yesterday. Mr Bouteflika, a former foreign

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minister, was the only candidate in the election on 15 April and the ceremony was boycotted by opposition groups, who have accused the military of rigging the polls. Nanny denies child abuse charges

A NANNY who was allegedly filmed kicking and hitting the two children in her care could face up to 20 years in prison. Joan Kahn, 59, appeared in a court in Norwalk, Connecticut, to plead not guilty to charges of abuse.

Racism ends German book tour A PRIZE-WINNING African author, Amma Darko, called off a book tour in Germany after youths in the eastern town

of Schwerin, an island resort, shouted racist insults and tossed a beer bottle at her during her first reading. Florida warns of alligator threat FLORIDA'S ONE million alligators are on the prowl for

mates and food, posing a threat to people and pets, state

wildlife officials said yesterday. Several alligators have

been seen walking by ponds and on a golf course recently.

PRESIDENT BILL Clinton used BY ANDREW MARSHALL in Washington

public anger over the Colorado school shootings to push for more restrictions on guns yesterday. Although the legislative plan he proposed has fragile hopes for survival, the White House was able to use the occasion to put further pressure on the National Rifle Association (NRA), the main lobbyists for both gun owners and manufacturers.

"The NRA and other pro-gun organisations need to support the administration's efforts ... to put reasonable regulations on the use and the possession of guns," said Deputy Attorney General Eric Holder over the weekend.

The President wants to extend a law requiring back-

purchasers to those who buy explosives. He was also preparing to propose making parents liable for their childrens' crimes, raising the legal age for handgun possession from 18 to 21, making child safety locks on guns mandatory, and toughening the laws on gun shows. There is a clutch of other restrictions, many of them part of

a failed measure from last year. The proposed new anti-gun legislation has little chance of making it through Congress intact. Both houses have Republican majorities opposing gun control, and the National Rifle Association gave \$1.3m (£800,000) to the Republican ground checks on gun party for last year's elections.

But, by putting further pressure on the NRA, the White House hopes it will help to make the gun issue more visible in a country that seems more willing to blame pop music or trench coats for the Colorado killings than the possession by teenagers of semi-

automatic weapons. The NRA has run into increasing trouble in the last few years as it has gained a reputation for right-wing extremism. While Washington may still be home ground for the NRA, it is losing battles elsewhere at programme from three days to state level. One of its main efforts over the last few years has been to get laws passed to permit the carrying of concealed weapons, but a vote in Missouri on the issue went against it ear-

from some of the gun manufacturers, who fear that its reputation for right-wing extremism may not be particularly useful in helping them tackle legal and political challenges. Seven cities are currently suing several of the gun manufacturers. The NRA came under

heavy criticism in the wake of the school killings for pressing on with its plans to hold its annual meeting in Denver. It agreed to the wishes of local officials and cut back most of its one, leaving only the formal annual business. But it would not stop the meeting completely, even though the city agreed to pay its costs. "We have an obligation to our members," said a

The city insisted that it did not want any NRA presence at all. "We don't want them here." said Allegra Haynes, the president of Denver City Council.

Meanwhile, it emerged that the 18-year-old girlfriend of Columbine High School gunman Dylan Klebold apparently bought at least two of the weapons used in the attack at

a Denver-area gun show. Investigators were also checking a report from a Colorado Springs gun dealer that the other gumman, Eric Harris, was among five teenagers who tried to buy a machine gun and another weapon last month.

it was reported that investigators believe the girlfriend bought three weapons not long after her 18th birthday in November

German denies shooting 500 Jews

By Franz-Norbert Piontek in Stuttgart

A SUSPECTED Nazi war criminal said at the start of his trial yesterday that he felt sick watching concentration camp guards shoot hundreds of Jews in the head, but denied he ever pulled a trigger himself.

Alfons Goetzfrid, a former Soviet citizen, is charged by German prosecutors with aiding the Nazi massacre of 17,000 Jews during the Second World War and of having shot 500 people himself.

"I had to load the machineguns with magazines, and loaded other pistols. But that was it," he told the Stuttgart state court. "The victims were shot from behind and they screamed, moaned and cried. It made me sick."

Goetzfrid, an ethnic German who was born and lived in the Soviet Union until 1991 before emigrating after the collapse of Communism, spent a year in investigative custody before being released in March, pending the outcome of the trial. The state prosecutor Kurt Schrimm said the court had decided to free him on bail as it did not think he would try to

evade justice. Goetzfrid volunteered for the German army after it overran Soviet Ukraine in 1941, and originally looked after horses and worked as a translator before joining the Gestapo in Lvov in 1943. Many non-Russian nationalists and anti-'ommunists ioined invading German forces to fight Moscow's Red Army.

He admits to having worked for the Gestapo, and spent 13 years in a Soviet labour camp in the Arctic after the war. Officials say that will count towards any sentence in Germany, ensuring that he will spend little, if any, more time in jail. The maximum term he faces is 15 years.

On his release from labour camp, Goetzfrid lived in what is now independent Kazakhstan. to where Stalin deported many of the ethnic Germans who had lived in Russia since tsarist times. Many of them have re-

settled in Germany since 1991. Goetzfrid came to the attention of the authorities when he gave testimony in 1997 to prosecutors investigating an-

other war crimes suspect The prosecution said that despite later denials, Goetzfrid had admitted in pre-trial investigations that, when a member of the Gestapo, he shot 500 Jewish men, women and children in November 1943 at the Majdanek camp in Poland in a two-day massacre dubbed Operation Harvest Festival.

Goetzfrid, who wore a dark sweater and appeared frail, is also charged with assisting the murder of 17,000 Jews around Lublin in Poland and Lvov in Ukraine in 1942 and 1943.

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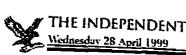


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Jeffrey Katzenberg flanked by David Geffen (left) and Steven Spielberg, founders of DreamWorks, which Mr Katzenberg left Disney to join AP

Bitter enemies battle over Disney bonus deal

Snowball.

THE GLOVES have come off and By ANDREW GUMBEL the prize fight has begun. Michael Eisner and Jeffrey Katzenberg, two of Hollywood's bitterest, and most powerful, enemies, began slugging out their differences in open court vesterday, turning a long-running contract dispute into a personal slanging match that risks exposing low intrigue and perverted ambition at the heart of

the Walt Disney Company. Mr Katzenberg, who now runs the new studio Dream-Works with his friends Steven Spielberg and David Geffen, is suing Disney for at least \$250m (£156m), arguing that the company deliberately tried to cheat him out of a lucrative bonus deal after he stepped down as

its studio head in 1994. Mr Eisner, Disney's chief in Los Angeles

that the company owes Mr Katzenberg something but appears determined to fight him down to the last dime rather than admit defeat.

And that is just the polite version of their relationship, which has soured so badly that each can barely stand to mention the other in public.

In his opening remarks on Monday, Mr Katzenberg's lawyer, Bert Fields, accused Mr Eisner of seeking to punish his former studio head out of "personal animosity". He said Mr Eisner and two of his Disney colleagues had conspired to cheat Mr Katzenberg out of a 2 per cent cut of the profit on all projects he had executive officer, has conceded originated, and even nick-

with due respect, and attempting to portray himself as a victim when in fact he had received \$100m in compensa-

"Each story [the three

Disney executives) told is

patently untrue. I don't say

that lightly," Mr Fields charged.

lawyer, Louis Meisinger,

accused Mr Katzenberg of hog-

ging the credit for successful

projects, failing to treat Roy Dis-

ney, son of the legendary Walt,

On the other side, Disney's

tion in his 10 years with the company, including bonuses, stock options and a \$5m beach bouse. Mr Katzenberg set "a new

standard for arrogance in an industry that already has a high mark in this area," Mr Meisinger said.

The public vilifications were expected to intensify yesterday as Mr Katzenberg took the The Disney board were re-

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the more he can embarrass Disney the faster he will clinch a settlement. The public airing of the court case is a victory for Mr Katzenberg. Mr Eisner battled long and hard to keep the media out. and is still doing his best to withhold court documents from the

public record. Once, Mr Eisner was best friends with Mr Katzenberg and personally tured him to Disney in 1984. Mr Katzenberg rapidly turned an anaemic film division into a roaring success. reviving the moribund animation division to produce such hits as The Lion King, Beauty

stand. He appears hell-bent on

throwing Mr Eisner every

punch he has, on the basis that

and the Beast, Aladdin, and

luctant, however, to award Mr Katzenberg a lucrative stockoption deal because they had already given as much as they could afford to Mr Eisner and his number two, Frank Wells. The 2 per cent bonus deal was seen as the next best thing, a potentially enormous benefit since it applied to the revenue of Disney products - films, videos and toys - in perpetuity.

The rift came in 1994, when Mr Eisner refused to promote Mr Katzenberg to the number two slot, vacated after Frank Wells died in an accident. Mr Katzenberg cut his contract short to join DreamWorks - a gesture Disney interpreted as a forfeit on his bonus. They have been arguing about it ever since.

Literary lions praise Chandler's grim city

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THINK LITERATURE, and chances are you won't think Los Angeles, The Chicago of Saul Bellow, yes; the New England of Updike and Irving, certainly. But isn't LA the city of superficial, semi-literate airheads too dumb and too mercenary to take their eyes off the movies long enough to

actually read anything? That, give or take an idle prejudice, has certainly been the prevailing view of the New York literary mafia for as long as anyone can remember. In Los Angeles, novels are what unemployed screenwriters write to pass the time, not serious artistic endeavours, according to the East Coast literati. LA might be good for genre fiction, such as crime or noir or exposes of the Hollywood system, but it doesn't produce Literature with a

That perception might ex-plain why a certain defensiveness surrounded Los Angeles's literary finest as they gathered for a two-day Festival of Books at the University of California last week-end. The LA Times, one of the sponsors of the event, even held a forum entitled "LA Lit - Does it Exist"? One of the more waggish featured authors, the film writer Eric Lax, named the Thomas Bros Road Atlas and Travel Guide (the LA equivalent of the London A-Z) as one of his favourite books about the city - the sort of choice Salman Rushdie might interpret as a compliment, but anyone else would surely call game, set and match to the East Coast scoffers.

But that was where all selfdoubt ended. The assembled company was an extraordinarily rich, if under-appreciated group of writers, representing stylish noir (Walter Mosley), compelling nonfiction reportage (Norman Klein, DJ Waldie, Mike Davis), rugged street poetry (John Rechy) and a new wave of immigrant literature (Hector

Tobar and Marisela Norte). They championed Los Angeles's literary voice with vigour and passion, pointing out that if editors from the big New York publishing houses found their city superficial it was just a reflection of their inability to use their own eyes.

"Like most visitors to a strange place, New York editors (with a few noteworthy exceptions) tend to gravitate toward that which is familiar and comforting to them -ie the Westside, where all the Eastern expatriates live," said Hector Tobar, whose debut novel The Tattooed Soldier, published last year, is a gripping



Chandier: A pillar of American letters

tale of the horrors of the Guatemalan civil war spilling over into the melting pot of southern California during the 1992 riots. "These days, we Los Angeles readers get a steady diet of their Catskills, their Brooklyn and their Bronx, But how much do they really know about our Pacoima, our Crenshaw District, our vast and varied Eastside?"

Since the big Los Angeles population boom early in the century, the city has been a fascinating inspiration for dark, near-apocalyptic literature that focuses on the corruptions and swirling incongruities of the sprawling metropolis itself. Noir was virtually invented here, a genre that started out as puln

but has come to be recognised - at least when it comes to Chandler, James M Cain, Ross McDonald and James Ellroy - as a crucial pillar of American letters. Then there are the great Hollywood novels (Nathanael West's Day of the Locust, Budd Schulberg's What Makes Sammy Run?, Scott Fitzgerald's The Last Tycoon), the expatriate novels think of Aldous Huxley and Christopher Isherwood) and the novels that don't seem to be about LA, but are - Ray Bradbury's Martian Chronicles, say, or The Wizard of Oz. both of which are allegories of Midwesterners uprooting and heading for the coast.

These days, with the glittery stylishness of a Chandler or a Joan Didion being superseded by darker, more marginal perspectives on the city, the LA canon is being reconsidered. Resurrected authors include John Fante, a true poete maudit who was Charles Bukowski's literary mentor, the black noir writer Chester Rimes (especially If He Hollers Let Him Go), and John Rechy, author of the extraordinary homosexual drifter novel City of Night.

The LA of these books could not be further from the beautiful people and ditsy superficiality of the Westside. Novels like Tobar's Tuttooed Soldier combine Chandleresque back-street poetry with the gritty experience that comes of immigration from desperate corners of the

Los Angeles is remarkably good at throwing up little nuggets of poetic insight into itself. The Eastside poet Marisela Norte described seeing posters of Martin Luther King, Malcolm X, and Cesar Chavez, the Californian farmworkers' leader, on a wall in a poor neighbourhood. A Mexican tacqueria opposite responded with the slogan: "One cause. One people. One taco." Now that's poetry.

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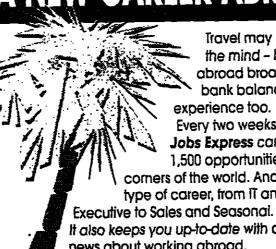
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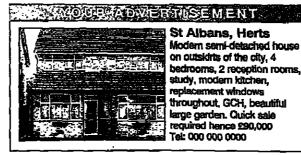
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First free Net service in France

KINGFISHER, the Woolworths and B&Q retail group, is linking up with the French entrepreneur and LMVH chairman Bernard Arnault to offer the first free Internet access service in France.

In an attempt to mimic the success of Dixons' Freeserve service in the UK, Kingfisher will offer free Internet access discs though its 137-strong chain of Darty electrical stores in France.

Subscribers to the Libertysurf service will be able to buy goods from Darty and Kingfisher's Castorama DIY chain. Group Arnault, the family holding company of Mr Arnault, will provide offers on luxury goods brands such as Louis Vuitton and Chanel. Only 4 per cent of French households are connected to the Internet, compared with 12 per cent in the UK. Kingfisher shares rose 5 per cent to 882p.

Amazon in £390m expansion

AMAZON.COM, the rapidly growing Internet bookseller, is paying £390m for three Internet companies including Exchange.com, a site for rare books and music.

Separately, yesterday Amazon launched a free greeting card service that is expected to boost the number of visitors to its site. Amazon.com Cards offers more than 800 styles of cards free.

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FTSE 350	3139.00	37.90	1.22	3110.80	2210.40	2.49
FTSE All Share	3039.21	35.49	1.18	3010.25	2143.53	2.57
FTSE SmallCap	2542.40	8.50	0.34	2793.80	1834.40	4.08
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FTSE AIM	937.80	8.50	0.92	1146.90	761.30	1.07
FTSE Eurotop 100	3064.08	49.41	1.64	3079.27	2018.15	1.82
FTSE Eurotop 300	1327.70	20.16	1.54	1332.07	880.63	1.86
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Nikkei	16957.27	38.76	0.23	17166.06	12787.90	0.74
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BSkyB chief quits to run Internet venture

By MICHAEL HARRISON **Business Editor**

RUPERT MURDOCH'S satellite broadcasting company BSkyB stunned the market yesterday by announcing that Mark Booth is quitting as chief executive to head up a new interactive television and Internet venture funded by News Corporation.

The new company, e-partners, will receive \$300m of equity funding from Mr Murdoch's News Corp and Mr Booth will have a significant stake in the venture. Mr Booth was offered the newly-created post to prevent him from leaving the Murdoch empire to take up a top job with Microsoft. His successor. who will be an outside appointment, is due to be announced in the next few weeks.

E-partners will have offices in London and Silicon Valley and will be used as the vehicle for News Corp to take strategic minority stakes in Internet, interactive television and wireless communication ventures.

BSkyB executives denied that the posting was a sideways move or that Mr Murdoch was penalising Mr Booth for the blocking of BSkyB's takeover bid for Manchester United.

Announcing Mr Booth's departure, Mr Murdoch paid him fulsome tribute praising the "outstanding job" he had done at BSkyB since taking up the position 18 months ago. Mr Booth led the launch of BSkyB's digital satellite service, which has already picked up 350,000 subscribers and is on course for one million by this October. Analysts were relieved that

Mr Booth is not being succeeded by Mr Murdoch's daughter, Elizabeth, who is managing director of BSkyB's programming "I thought for one moment

former Blue Arrow whistle-

blower and chairman of Pear-

son, the media group. was

writes Andrew Garfield.

Sir Dennis, 53, takes over the

post at the end of July when Jon

Foulds, the former 3i chief

executive who steered the Hal-

ifax to flotation, retires at the

Sir Dennis for years, first ap-

proached him about the posi-

tion last year. He said that the

calibre to take on the role.

"He is pretty well-known as

doer. I don't need to wish him new role.

Mr Foulds, who has known

age of 67.



Mark Booth, BSkyB chief executive, who will head News Corporation's interactive TV and Internet venture

they were going to put the boss's daughter in charge, which would Internet craze, saying webnot have been very well received," said one analyst.

The new company will effectively act as a venture capital fund, providing finance for new media companies. It may also help provide content for BSkyB and BIB, the interactive television service that BSkyB is launching later this year with BT, HSBC Holdings and Matsushita.

News Corp said that e-partners would be separate from its main Internet operating division, News America Digital Publishing. Although Mr Mur-

person who will make his own

Apart from a much-needed

Sir Dennis, whose high-flying

career has straddled both the

public and private sectors and

the arts, said he has a high re-

gard for Jim Crosby the Hali-

fax chief executive whom he

knows from the time when both

were on the board of J Roth-

Recently, Sir Dennis stepped

has promised to cut down on his

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SIR DENNIS STEVENSON, the luck because he is the kind of

yesterday named as the next holiday, Mr Foulds says that he

chairman of Halifax, Britain's has no firm plans about what to

biggest mortgage lender, do with his new-found free

Halifax was fortunate to have down as chairman of the

found someone of Sir Dennis's Trustees of the Tate Gallery. He

a strategic thinker. But also a him more time to devote to his

doch has been critical of the based stocks are overvalued and that Internet businesses will destroy more jobs than they create, News Corp has been steadily building a presence in the market

News Corp has a big equity stake in TV Guide Inc., the leading interactive television channel and magazine, and two prominent websites, FoxNews.com and FoxSports.com. It is also active in the market for broadband services through partnerships with the At Home and Roadrunner cable modem services.

Analysts questioned the effect

EGG, the Prudential's direct By ANDREW VERITY

chair at Halifax | telephone customers

banking arm, has closed its

doors to telephone customers

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tion, declaring it will only accept

new savings customers if they

The bank said it had already

achieved its targets for a five-

year business plan, attracting

£5bn and 500,000 customers by

offering market-beating rates of

Mike Harris, the chief exec-

utive of Egg, said the bank

would try to steal a march on

the Internet banking market,

Egg has attracted huge vol-

aiming to attract 2 million

customers by 2004.

apply over the Internet.

News Corp had created a unique entrepreneurial investment structure best able to exploit the opportunities in new media. Mr Booth's successor will be chosen by a four-man committee made up of Mr Murdoch, the

Mr Booth's move would have on

Mr Murdoch's son, James, who

looks after the empire's Internet-

related businesses. Mr Mur-

doch said that, in e-partners,

BSkvB chairman, Jérôme Sevdoux, and two of its non-executive directors Sir Dennis Stevenson and Philip Bowman.

A spokesman said: "This is a plum job and the market is

AND ANDREW GARFIELD

rates entail heavy losses for its

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stem losses - estimated to

reach £170m this year - was a

with was - do we continue to in-

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He added that the running

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Mr Harris said the need to

"The decision we were faced

one or two candidates in mind." Possible successors include David Elstein, the head of Channel Five, who was a former BSkyB executive, and David Chance, who quit BSkyB when

its previous chief executive Sam

Chisholm left the company. Mathew Horsman, media analyst with Investec Henderson Crosthwaite, contrasted Mr Booth's departure with that of Mr Chisholm, which had unsettled the BSkyB share price. "It gives him a slew of the equity in a new venture and enables Murdoch to keep Booth working for

from Egg by telephone.

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was turning its back on Internet

him, not against him," he said.

Upbeat forecast powers FTSE to new high

BY LEA PATERSON

LONDON SHARES powered to new highs again yesterday, with investors cheered both by record gains on Wall Street and an improving outlook for the UK economy.

Telecom and technology stocks led the market's charge. with the FTSE 100 index break ing through the 6,600 barrier to set a new intra-day high of 6,635.9. Profit-taking took the FTSE lower in the late afternoon, although the index still managed to set a new record close of 6,593.6, up 90 points.

Monday's record close for the Nasdaq, the US high-technology index, helped push UK technology shares higher. Meanwhile, telecom companies were given a lift by Monday's £2.8bn acquisition of a US Internet switching company by the UK company GEC.

A strong set of results from telecoms group AT&T helped take the Dow Jones index into record territory by lunchtime. New evidence from the Con-

federation of British Industry (CBD) of an unexpectedly large jump in business confidence added to the bullish sentiment on the UK stock market.

The CBI said that manufacturing confidence jumped from minus 40 per cent in January to minus 6 per cent in April, its highest level since early last year. The UK should now escape recession by a "hair's breadth", according to the CBI, which is shortly expected to revise upwards its growth forecast.

Despite signs of increasing confidence, Andrew Buxton, chairman of the CBI economic



Buxton: Called for further cut in interest rates

Andrew Pople, head of retail banking at Abbey National, affairs committee, urged the said: "We do not see [the ln-Bank of England to shave anternet] as something that will other 0.25 points from interest dominate for the next two to rates in order to underpin the recovery. The CBI said the overthree years. As a way of getting and build a new call centre at new customers I don't think the all state of the UK economy human being could be betremained fragile, particularly in manufacturing, which had been shedding jobs at the fastest rate Mr Pople described the In-

ternet as an unpleasant buying in six years. In the first four months of experience inappropriate for 1999, 52 per cent of manufac-"The Internet is long-winded turers cut jobs, while only 10 per to get through, the sites are cent created jobs. This gives a over-complicated and the net balance of minus 42 per cent. the lowest figure reported since January 1993. Manufacturing prices continued to fall sharply,

> fastest rate ever recorded. Separate figures from the the Office for National Statistics revealed that the UK's global trade deficit on goods narrowed by £120m in February to £2.6bn

> with unit costs falling at the

Preliminary figures for March showed an improvement in the deficit with countries outside the EU, with the goods deficit narrowing to a smallerthan-expected £986m.

But although the global deficit narrowed in February, the deficit on goods traded within the EU widened to a nine-year high of £1bn.

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Ailing Acorn agrees to £270m US takeover

ACORN, the loss-making tech- By NIGEL COPE nology group, bowed to investors' wishes vesterday when it agreed to a £270m takeover bid from US investment bank

Morgan Stanley Dean Witter. The deal releases the value ARM Holdings, the highly successful microchip maker whose shares have soared since com-

market value had been less than the value of its stake in ARM, which it spun off into a separate entity in 1990. Under the terms of the deal,

of Acorn's 24 per cent stake in Acorn shareholders will receive two shares in ARM for every five Acorn shares held. The deal values Acorn shares ing to the market a year ago. at 279p, a 14 per cent premium Investors had been pushing for a deal as Acorn's stock to their previous closing price. The takeover has already

NEW YORK

half a percentage point, at 10.778

at midday. But technology stocks

were lower as a nervous market

report. A trader said: "It's good

to see that the movement into

cyclical stocks a week ago was

awaited the publication of

America Online's earnings

not just a short-term blip."

holders accounting for more than 50 per cent of the equity. These include Dr Hermann Hauser, one of the founders of the original Acorn computer nesses forward. company. His stake in ARM will

be worth around £7.5m In two separate deals, Acorn is also selling its fledgling dig-ital television set-top box business to Pace Micro Technology for £200,000. It is also in talks to

Acorn's chief executive. Acorn said it would have been unable to fund the development required to move the two busi-Acorn said it believed the

"best available solution" for shareholders. The company has been struggling badly and last year recorded an operating loss of £10m on sales of £11m. sell its software development. Its only profits came from the er at 695.5p.

Morgan Stanley deal was the

secured the agreement of share- business to Stan Boland, sale of shares in ARM and its share of ARM's profits. "I am delighted we have been able to generate a value-

enhancing solution that enables Acorn shareholders to participate directly in ARM's extraordinary success," said Gordon Owen, the Acorn chairman. Acorn shares closed 9.5p

higher at 254.5p. compared to their low point of just 57p in November ARM closed 22.5p high-

AROUND THE WORLD'S MARKETS

LONDON

LONDON BLUE-CHIPS soared to an all-time high yesterday, boosted by a buoyant performance on Wall Street and a shortage in many

The FTSE 100 closed 90 points higher at 6,593.6 after setting an intra-day high of 6.635.9 in the early

The FTSE 250 was more subdued, finishing 20.1 up at 5,808.7, while the Small Cap set another 1999 record, ending 8.5 higher at 2.542.4.

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TOKYO TOKYO STOCKS inched up to their

THE DOW Jones stormed into highest point for 1999 but failed to record territory once again as gains by blue-chip stocks drove break the psychologicallythe 30-stock average ahead of important 17,000 mark closing up the rest of the US stock market. 38.76 points at 16,957.27. The Dow was up 57 points, or The Nikkei 225 succumbed to

profit-taking sales in high techs, international blue chips and telecommunications stocks as investors locked in gains ahead of Japanese Golden Week holidays which begin later this week. Shares were helped by stability in the dollar-yen rate following an uneventful G7 meeting on Monday.

HONG KONG STOCKS closed with firm gains as

technology-related stocks drew strength from an overnight record on the Nasdaq and investors searched for laggards following the market's rally to 18-month highs.
The Hang Seng finished up

237.77 points, or 1.81 per cent, at 13.364.79 after hitting a high of 13,409.99 points. One analyst said: "As long as

the Nasdaq is strong this will continue, but if there's a correction it will cool down."

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GERMANY'S ELECTRONIC Xetra DAX index climbed almost 2 per cent, spurred by a strong start on Wall Street and gains in some of Frankfurt's most heavily traded stocks. The index closed up 1.82 per cent - 95.69 points - at 5,364.81 driven higher by gains in Deutsche Bank and Deutsche Telekom.

Deutsche Bank, the session's most traded stock, rose 4.94 per cent to 53.95 euros while Dresdner Bank shares also rose 7.09 per cent amid speculation the group could make a US acquisition.

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Murdoch caught by the Internet bug

AS IS usually the case in the less than transparent world of Rupert Murdoch's business affairs, we may never know the full story of Mark Booth's abrupt departure as chief executive of BSkyB. However, there are a number of reasons for thinking the official version - that he is off to spearhead Mr Murdoch's assault on the Internet - may be reasonably close to the truth.

Mr Murdoch has three good reasons for feeling less than happy with Mr Booth. He's already blamed Mr Booth's predecessor, Sam Chisholm, for Sky's failure to obtain regulatory approval for its Manchester United takeover; the way Mr Murdoch sees it, Mr Chisholm's combative style rubbed the regulators so much up the wrong way that they were bound to be poisoned against Sky. But Mr Booth was the man who fronted the bid and Sky's fruitless attempt to get it past the MMC, so he cannot be seen as entirely blameless.

Another is the less than spectacular launch of Sky Digital. Off to a slow and plodding start. Sky has failed to deliver the early knock-out blow to ONdigital Mr Murdoch hoped for. And a third is Sky's failure to gain any kind of a foothold in continental pay TV. In truth, this lat- has been run as if a wholly-owned



ter setback may have more to do with Mr Murdoch himself than Mr Booth, but a good boss never blames himself, does he.

For all of these reasons, Mr Murdoch might have thought the time right for a replacement. All the same, this doesn't appear to be a Murdoch axing in the old style. What is interesting about this changeover is that the choice of successor is not to be Mr Murdoch's alone, or that's the spin Sky is giving to the whole thing, anyway. As far as we know, this is the first time independent directors have had any kind of a proper say in the future of Sky's management, which hitherto

subsidiary of Mr Murdoch's News

Corp.
Furthermore, Mr Booth isn't leaving the Murdoch fold. As many former Murdoch executives can testify, it is usual practice in the Murdoch empire to be shifted into some sort of departure lounge job before being exited entirely, and that may indeed be Mr Booth's eventual fate. Even so, it does seem genuinely to have been the case that Mr Booth received an offer from Bill Gates at Microsoft, and Mr Murdoch made an effort to keep him by constructing a similar post within his own company.

That effort, moreover, seems to be coming at a high price. Even for Mr Murdoch, \$300m of risk equity is hardly chicken-feed, and the Silicon Valley venture capital market, which seems to be where Mr Booth and the money are heading, is already an overcrowded one. Mr Murdoch's interest in the Net is quite a specialist one - interactive digital TV - but even so, he's late into the game. He's also on record as saying Internet companies are hugely overvalued and that the web will end up destroying more companies than it creates.

Which possibly explains why Mr Murdoch has to play the Internet

game, however expensive it proves in the short run. Any company with global media pretentions going son to expect any reversal of the secforward has to have a stake in the Internet, for defensive reasons if no other. The Internet is not just an alternative means of distribution, it also threatens to gobble up a very significant share of worldwide advertising revenues. Whether Mr Booth was pushed or jumped, Mr Murdoch certainly needs somebody to bolster its Internet ambitions.

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Economic blues

AMID ALL the talk of an economic upswing, it's easy to overlook the fact that British manufacturing is continuing to shrink at an alarming rate of knots.

As yesterday's CBI survey showed, over the first four months of 1999, manufacturing jobs were disappearing at their fastest rate for six years. Things don't look too much better going forward - manufacturers expect to continue shedding jobs over the next four months, albeit at a marginally slower pace.

Taken as whole, manufacturing now accounts for just 20 per cent of UK output, compared with 25 per

cent at the beginning of the decade. son to expect any reversal of the sector's well-established of decline.

What does all this mean for policy? Clearly, the smaller the manufacturing sector becomes, the less able it is to exert influence - either directly or indirectly - over the level of interest and exchange rates.

In this sense, the decline of UK manufacturing has become a vicious downward spiral. Interest rate policy in this country is largely determined by our relatively large, and relatively buoyant, services sector. Manufacturers have for many months been stuck with an interest rate - and with an exchange rate that is far too high for their own good and is primarily intended to curb a services boom.

The Bank of England's interest rate stance has merely served to catalyse the pace of manufacturing decline, and, in turn, to diminish further manufacturers' influence over policy.

Given that manufacturing is in the main - although not entirely - based in the north, and that services - in particular Britain's rapidly growing financial services sector-tend to be based in the south, the effect of all

this will be to widen the north-

Eddie George, the Bank of England governor, strongly maintains that he was misquoted by a northern regional newspaper which reported him as saying that northern jobs were a price worth paying for keeping inflation down in the south.

Unfortunately, that is the truth of how the Bank of England interest rate policy works. Indeed, if the Bank is to meet successfully the Government's inflation target, it is the only way its interest rate policy can work if Eddie George thinks he gets flak from manufacturers in the North-east now, he should just give it a year or two.

Sir Dennis again

MR SCHMOOZER has done it again. Often described as the Renaissance man of business, Sir Dennis Stevenson has picked up another chairmanship, and like the last one. Pearson, this one's a biggie - Halifax. No-one really knows if Sir Dennis is any good the's never really managed anything), but one thing is

for sure; he certainly gets around. Sir Dennis is the archetype of that

modern breed of person who deliberately divides his time between a large number of jobs, which is nice work if you can get it. Besides the chairmanship of Pearson, he's also chairman of GPA, a non-executive director of BSkyB, (where he has been charged with finding a replacement for Mark Booth), Manpower, Lazards, the Economist, St James' Place Capital and sometime adviser to the Prime Minister, Tony Blair Phew! With that lot already on the books, it is not clear what time he'll have left for Halifax.

It is arguably a good thing for a chairman to have a broad spread of interests and expertise, and noone can quarrel with the performance of Pearson since he took the chair. But a portfolio of this size may be stretching the point a little too far.

Halifax shares have had a good run of late, bouncing back to close to their all time high. The company is solid, big, sturdy and in most respects runs itself. It doesn't seem to require a hands-on chairman, so in this respect, Sir Dennis could be perfect for the job. But with its core business - mortgages - mature and declining, it possibly does need a visionary. Is Sir Dennis that man?

IMF faces fresh pressure for internal reform

FRESH PRESSURE for internal reform of the International Monetary Fund has built up at this week's meetings of the of member countries, espe-Fund and the World Bank in Washington.

The spring cleaning could result in the departure of Michel Camdessus as managing director of the IMF before its annual meetings at the end of September.

Interim Committee – in effect its supervisory board - also expressed concern about the state of the world economy.

Robert Rubin, the US Treathe balance of risks for the global economy remain on the

Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, said that although some emphasised "the need for deearlier worries had not materialised, there was a "workmanlike" approach to the challenges. process of crisis management.

The Interim Committee discussed proposals for its own re- economies have also expressed structuring yesterday Although there is no consensus about them to publish IMF assessspecific measures yet, the reforms will make the IMF more need for greater transparency accountable to a broader range is at the core of the G7's pro-

cially the developing countries.

It has already been agreed that in future the president of the World Bank will attend IMF Interim Committee meetings. Other measures that will give the committee, currently not much more than a talking shop The meeting of the Fund's on the international scene. greater influence over Fund decisions are likely.

The dissatisfaction with the Fund's handling of the world financial and economic crisis sury Secretary, said: "Serious over the past two years was rechallenges remain and I believe flected in the communique issued by the Group of 24. a would strengthen into 2000.

grouping of developing nations. IMF policy prescriptions and veloping countries to have an eq-

Ministers from the emerging concern about the pressure on ments of their economies. The

posals for international reform. but the G24 warned: "Publication of Fund staff surveillance reports is likely to compromise the quality and candour of discus-

sions with member countries." The reports could help trigger crises if they moved the financial markets adversely. At the very least, the IMF will have to improve its own record on transparency and accountability, as its senior echelons acknowledge.

Mr Brown reaffirmed the importance of greater transparency. In his remarks to the Interim Committee he also said growth in the UK would be slower this year than last but

Yves-Thibault de Silguy, the It urged greater flexibility in EU's monetary affairs commissioner, said the euro's depreciation against the dollar had been "relatively modest" uitable representation" in the and the result of slower growth, adding, "even if there is room for an appreciation of the euro". Kiichi Miyazawa, Japan's

> finance minister, defended his government's economic policy, saying it was responding "forcefully" to difficult condi-



Alan Greenspan (left), chairman of the US Federal Reserve, and Robert Rubin, US scheme into two divisions, com-Treasury Secretary, at the IMF meeting in Washington yesterday Ron Edmonds mercial and project delivery.

Railtrack ousts **Brown & Root** from £2bn deal

BROWN & ROOT, the American By PHILIP THORNTON construction giant, has been ousted from its lead role on the vital £2bn project to upgrade the West Coast railway line for 140mph trains.

Railtrack has replaced Brown & Root's project director with its own executive as part of a massive management shake-up to get the project finished on time.

The moves follow rumours that the project is falling behind schedule, although Railtrack denied West Coast Main Line (WCML) was suffering delays.

The decision ends a planned "partnering agreement" between the two sides, announced last May, which was never ratified. The future role of Brown & Root, which is part of the £5bna-year Halliburton Company, has not yet been defined, Railtrack said

"We aren't saying that Brown & Root won't have a role, purely that we are reassessing how we take the project forward," said a spokeswoman.

She said Ian McPherson, B&R project director, had been replaced by Tony Fletcher, Railtrack's director of capital programmes. Mr McPherson has returned to B&R.

The company has split the

Transport Correspondent

"We are now at the delivery stage and we want to accelerate quickly and smoothly and get the thing built," she added.

Railtrack still has WCML partnership agreements with Alstom, for signalling and train control systems, and with Balfour Beatty and Westinghouse for the remodelling at Euston.

B&R has worked with Railtrack since the rail infrastructure company was formed in 1994, when B&R led a consortium preparing the feasibility study for the modernisation programme.

Railtrack is committed to achieving 125mph running between London and Glasgow by 2002 and 140mph by 2005. If it misses the deadlines, it faces huge financial penalties from Virgin Trains, which is investing £2.25bn on 131 new trains.

Railtrack is also under pressure from the Rail Regulator to show that it can deliver major improvements to the network.

B&R was unavailable for comment but a spokesman told New Civil Engineer magazine: "There is nothing untoward, it is simply a reorganisation. It is part of the way big projects are run. They reorganise from time to

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Lloyds TSB launches low-interest credit cards

sive in the credit-card price war yesterday when it launched a APR, writes Andrew Verity.

The high street bank is abolcredit cards, called Asset, and shrink from 17 to 15 per cent in rates as low as 11 or 12 per cent

£250-£1,499

range of cards with interest over £1,000 and the cards carry rates as low as 15.9 per cent benefits such as free warranties and travel insurance.

Lloyds TSB has seen its

rate of 18.9 per cent APR. Rates competitors have lured cusfall to 15.9 per cent on balances tomers away with lower rates. The move undercuts Bar-

claycard, the traditional market leader, which has also lost market share to US competitors. The ishing annual fees on the new share of credit-card lending American competition - with

11.5%

charging a maximum interest the past three years as US -includes MBNA, Capital One. ing by over 20 per cent a ye Bank One, and a new entrant to the UK market. Providian.

director of card services at Lloyds TSB, said: "We are facing a situation where competi-

Mark Austin of RBS Adva Gerald Hawkins, managing ta, criticised Lloyds TSB f leaving existing customers, who hold the Lloyds Bank Classic Reserve Card, stranded on a rate tion in the market has been of 19.9 per cent - up to 4 points

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Notice to TSB Trustcard and **Trustcard Control Customers**

TSB is changing its interest rates for TSB Trustcard and TSB Trustcard Control customers.

With effect from 1st May 1999 the interest rates on TSB Trustcard are as follows:

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Outstanding Balance	1.63%	21.4%	23.2%
£1-£1,499	1.60%	20.9%	22.8%
£1,500-£2,999 £3,000 or more* *This rate remains unchanged.	1.38%	17.8%	19.6%
	Balance Transfer ra	<u>ates</u>	
Amount Transferred	0.94%	11.8%	13.5%

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Diageo to sell off Cinzano

DIAGEO, the drinks group, yesterday put four of its European spirits brands up for sale in a move that could net more than £300m.

The brands include Cinzano. the high-profile vermouth that is number two in its category worldwide.

Also included in the proposed sale are Metaxa, the popular Greek spirit. Asbach brandy and Vecchia Romagna, Italy's best-selling brandy.

Diageo has instructed Warburg Dillon Read to draw up a memoranda for sale to see whether the disposal would be value enhancing for share-The four brands made an

annual profits contribution of year. £60m after marketing and promotion. Some analysts say the sale could yield up to "These four are low quali-

ty brands and a sale would

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lowing the GrandMet-Guinness merger," one analyst

In a separate statement Diageo said its UDV spirits division will sell four brands of the Greek aniseed spirit ouzo to the Italian drinks maker Gruppo Campari for an undisclosed price.

The moves form part of UDV's strategy to focus its resources behind major growth brands such as Johnnie Walker and J&B scotch whiskies, Smirnoff vodka, Gordon's gin and Baileys liqueur, following deals in North America earlier this

Transfer to profit and

loss account reserve

Diageo shares closed 30p higher at 718.5p. The stock was boosted by one investment bank vesterday recommending investors to switch into Diageo from rival spirits complete the rationalisation of group Allied Domecq, which Diageo's spirits brands fol- reports results tomorrow.

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Turnover including share of			Fixed assets:		
Estuary Services Ltd	32.0	30.6	Tangible assets	25.6	25.4
Less: share of Estuary Services Ltd	(0.5)	(0.5)	Investments.		
PLA turnover	31.5	30.1	Port of London		
PLA operating expenditure	(32.0)	(29.0)	Properties Limited Group	6.0	9,0
PLA operating (loss)/profit	(0.5)	1.1	Stock redemption fund	10.2	4,6
Share of operating profit of			Estuary Services Ltd	0.2	0.2
Estuary Services Ltd	0.2	0.2	•	42.0	44.2
Operating (loss)/profit including			Net current assets	1.8	13.4
Estuary Services Ltd	(0.3)	1.3		43.8	57.6
Impairment of piers	(0.7)	-	Creditors: Amounts falling		
Profit on sale of investments	0.5	-	due after more than one v	BBC:	
[let interest	0.9	0.4	Louns	-	10.2
Dividends receivable	8.1	8.8	Other amounts	1.9	2.7
Repayment of Concernment grants	(8.1)	(8.8)	Силет апошлю	1.5	<u> -</u>
Profit on ordinary		<u>-</u>	Reserves:		
activities before taxation	0.4	2.2	Revolution	6.0	9.0
Taxation	(0.2)	(0.4)	Stock redemption fund	10.1	9,6
Profit for the year	0.2	1.8	Profit and loss	25.8	26.1
Transfer to stock redemption fund	(0.5)	(0.1)		43.8	57.0

SIR BRIAN SHAW Chief Financial Officer Published by the Port of London Authority under Section 8(3) of the Port of London Act 1968

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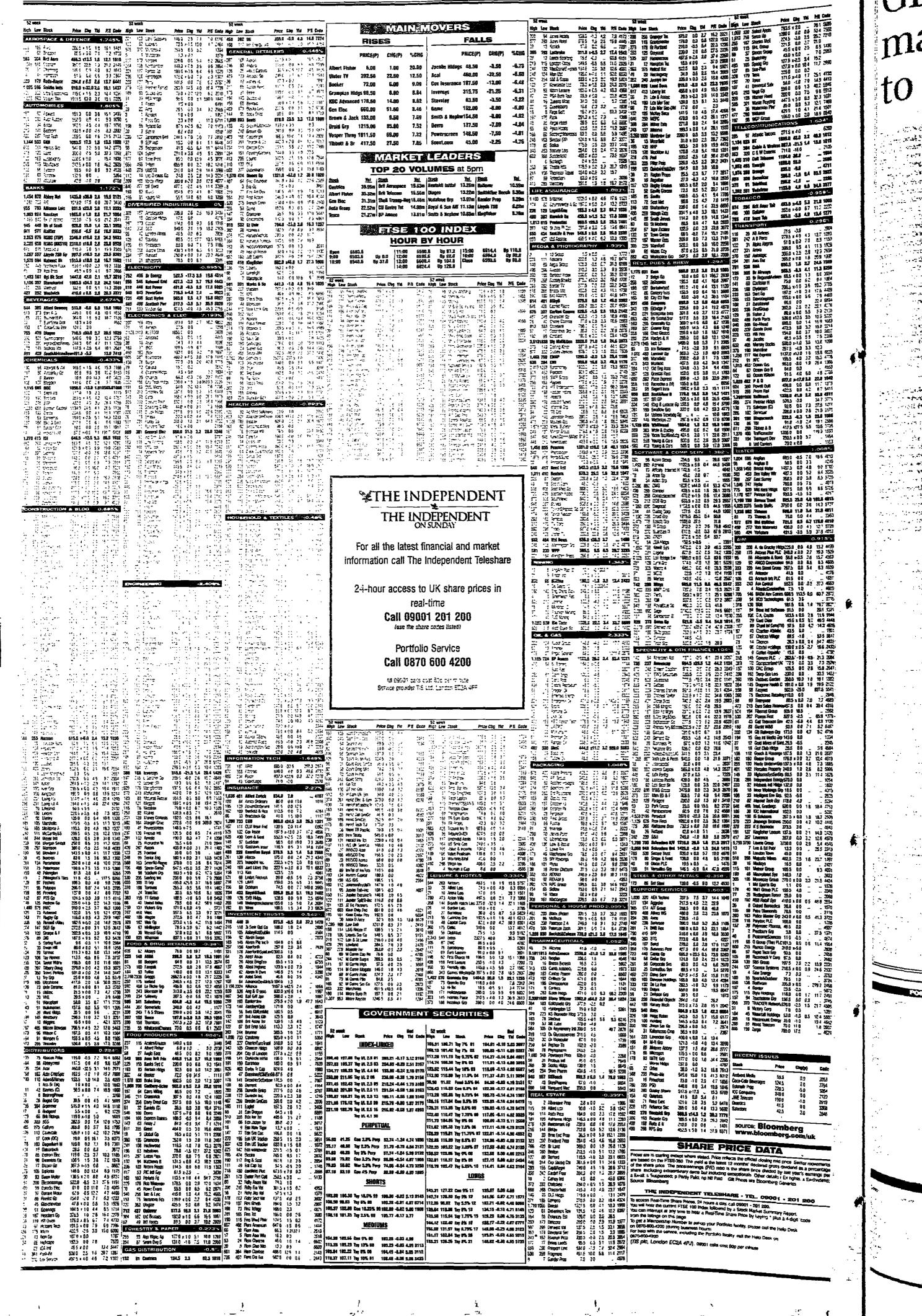
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tional, the TT recruitment firm set up by Mark Goldberg, owner of Crystal Palace football

club, shows little signs of being

Following last month's

profits warning, which wiped 20 per cent off the value of MSB

sbares, there were no more

nasty surprises in yesterday's

hard numbers. The shares,

which have regained most of

their recent losses, closed up 4p

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year to 31 January were £11.6m

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Profits before tax for the

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BY ANDREW GARFIELD

MSB

GEC the star as market soars to a new peak

BLUE-CHIPS climbed to a new all-time peak yesterday, buoyed by a soaring Wall Street and by persistent talk of

domestic mega-mergers. The bulls took control of the FTSE 100 from the word go, and by lunchtime the leading index was already sporting a three-figure gain. The rally continued in the early afternoon, spurred by a strong start in the Dow. The positive winds coming from across the pond and a shortage of leading stocks helped the FTSE 100 to record its intra-day peak of 6.635.9 and then to smash its closing record, finishing 90 points higher at 6,593.6.

Dealers reported a steady flow of buying and said that some sizeable orders from overseas helped turnover to break through the one billionshare barrier. However, some market players cautioned that this latest push towards the 6,600 threshold could run into

IS A big retailer preparing to bid for Shoprite Group? The small Isle of Man-based property and

supermarket company rose 1.25p to 22.25p yesterday after buying back 500,000 shares at 21p. There are rumours that the buyback was a defensive move and that the board has received an approach north of 21p

from a large chain. A forthcoming Annual General Meeting should belo to clear the air. The shares were 39.75p two years ago.

profit-taking later in the week. The day was marked by several gravity-defying performances, but GEC stole the show. The restructuring telecom company soared 51.5p to an all-time high of 660p, as brokers rushed to praise Monday's purchase of the US Internet equipment company, FORE. Old market hands searched their memories for a similar jump in GEC's shares and had to admit that rarely in had there been so much enthusiasm for its strategy.

In the market's eyes, the sale of Marconi to British Aerospace, confirmed yesterday, means that GEC has shed the unappealing tag of defence stock and should be rated as a high-growth, high-P/E telecom stock. The excitement was also fed by rumours that GEC is lining up another big deal. It was a shame that some of GEC's new-found peers ran into profit-taking.

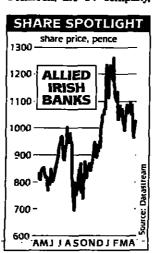
Cable & Wireless, the takeover flavour of the month, lost 21.5p to 887.5p after news that an acquisition in Australia may be blocked by regulators. Cable & Wireless Communications followed its parent. slumping 16p to 711p as dealers reaped the rewards of a good run. Its would-be merger partner Telewest Communications suffered the same fate, ending 1.5p off to 295.75p. BT was an exception, rising 42p to 1,089p on talk of an imminent restructuring of COLT shot 38p higher to



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1,184p amid vague rumours of a bid. Takeover speculation supported Allied Irish Banks. The shares picked up 18.5p to 1.019p on renewed talk of a strike by Lloyds TSB, up 16.50 to 997.50. Shell drilled an 11p advance to 444.5p on CSFB optimism and rehashed rumours of a merger with French rival Elf. Centrica flared 2.25p higher to 124,5p on big volume as speculation that it has dropped out of the bidding for the RAC continued to circulate.

The media sector featured on the market's front page. United News & Media surged 38p to 656p, as analysts warmed to Monday's trading undate. Merrill Lynch advised clients to buy the regional publisher with HSBC slapping a 725p target on the stock. Flextech, the TV company,



blinked 50p higher to 901p. is also a whisper that it is preparing to sell its 18.6 per cent stake in Scottish Media Group, the publisher and broadcaster, unchanged at 868p. United or the ITV companies Granada, 20p higher at 1,404, and Carlton, down 1.5p to 628.5p, could buy Flextech's holding.

Kingfisher rose a majestic 46p to 882p after unveiling a pan-European Internet service with the French entrepreneur Bernard Arnault. The Internet-cred boosted the Prudential, 29.5p higher at 869.5p after putting its lowcost bank, Egg, on the web. Cracking customer figures from Egg also helped.

Dixons, the Internet star. was on the wane. The retailer crashed 62p to 1,321p amid worries that the web marketplace is getting crowded. A late Internet arrival, WH Smith, was also hurt and lost 16p to 762.5p. Profit-taking also hit Invensys, the former BTR-Siebe, which fell 21.25p to 315.75p.

The mid-cap failed to keep

pace with the leaders, managing an anaemic 20.1 rise to 5808.7. The small cap out-

paced it once again, setting a 1999 trading record and a closing high of 2542.4 - an 8.5 increase on the day.

Premier Farnell led the

charge of the engineers. The group rose 14.5p to 263p as Merrill Lynch said "accumulate", and targeted 290p. The rest of the metal-bashers were boosted by a bullish CBI report on manufacturers' confidence. Ti, where the US predator KKR has a big stake, put on 25.75p to 495p, Charter soared 23.5p to 453.5p and Glynwed was 10p up to 217.5p. Pilkington benefited from the manufacturers' bonanza and rose 3.75p to 81,75p. Rumours of a strike from the French group Saint Gobain

are always hurking. The high-flying micro-chip maker ARM Holdings lost 32.5p to 665p after its big share-

ALPHAMERIC, a supplier of broadcast equipment. surged 3p yesterday to an all-time high of 73.5p with more than 125,000 shares traded.

The company has developed software used to beam horse races into bookmakers' shops. A number of major bookies, thought to include Ladbrokes and William Hill, have had it on trial for a year and are believed to be keen to renew their contract, leaving Alphameric with some £25m of fresh cash.

holder Acorn was taken private. The deal could have the way for a bid for ARM by a US computer giant such as Intel. The healthcare group

Smith & Nephew bled 8p to 154.5p amid rumours that its artificial skin product could be blocked by US regulators. The sausage-skin maker

Devro burnt 7p to 1375p as an expected 200p-per-share bid failed to arrive. The troubled Several brokers are recom- cash-and-carry Booker soared 6p to 72p. There is some talk that the US giant Wal-Mart is not interested in Safeway, down 6p to 272.5p, or Asda, 5.75p higher to 200.5p and might be after Booker's large stores instead. The equally troubled group AIbert Fisher digested a 1p rise to 6p on massive volume of 54 million shares. News on the disposal of its US distribution activities should be around the corner.

> Ultima Network, a small computer services group, rose 0.75p to 3.5p as a stock overhang was cleared. Silvermines, an electrical equipment group, buzzed 7.5p higher to 38.5p after revealing it had turned down a bid from a former executive. NRP. whose main unit is the stockbroker Teather & Greenwood, rose 15p to 205p after saying that the bumper year on the stockmarket will push profits "significantly ahead" of analysts expectations of £1.06m.

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Strong sales set WPP on acquisition trail

WPP GROUP: AT A GLANCE

Market value: £4,2bn, share price 566.5p (+6.5p)

Trading record 1995 1996 1997 1998 1999

200 -

140 -

120 -

Pre tax profit (£m)

Earnings per share (p)

Dividends per share (p)

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The shares' good run has

been boosted by a return to

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By NIGEL COPE Associate City Editor

WPP, the advertising and communications group run by Martin Sorrell, yesterday reported a strong first three months' trading and said it remains committed to seeking more acquisitions in emerging

The growth plan came despite falling profits in Asia Pacific and Latin America in the first three months of the year. The company said that while Asian markets are stahilising, Latin America is more difficult, with Brazil a particular problem.

WPP's first-quarter revenues rose by 10 per cent, with new billings up by the same amount to £417m. The US and continental Europe were the strongest regions. Public relations and infor-

mation consultancy were the best performers with revenues up by 24 per cent and 19 per cent respectively. The group, which owns the Ogilvy & Mather and J Walter

Thomson advertising agencies. is also on track to improve margins from 12.8 per cent to 13.4 per cent. WPP shares rose another

6.5p to 566.5p on the news, just below their 12-month peak. They stood at little more than

derpinned by the receding fears of recession. Improving consumer confidence is clearly good for advertising billings and although the shares succumbed to a bout of profit taking on the full-year results in February. WPP makes much of its

As one analyst put it: "The good thing about WPP is that you get the best of both worlds. You get a cyclical play as consumer economies improve. But you also get a growth stock as it expands its interest in here. growth sectors like specialist communications and Internet

position as a global player



IBM and Ford. It is also keen on keeping costs low, with an increasing emphasis on incentive payments for staff rather than fixed salaries.

mure is forecasting full-year profits of £240m

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But there is also a strong

Martin Sorrell: First

quarter revenues up 10%

they were when Mr Goldberg sold most of his stake to finance his purchase of the club last The beleaguered entrepreneur, whose Crystal Palace House broker WestLBPanventure has been a financial dis-

That puts the shares on a forward multiple of 28. That is about in line with the FTSE 100 but after such a strong run it is hard to see the shares mak-

WestLB Panmure regards the stock as a solid hold with earnings growth forecast at 10 per cent.

aside to cover the lease on the company's former premises. The IT recruitment market is changing radically and the MSB chairman, David Sugden, rightly believes that the approach that served the firm so well in its early years is no lot of costs coming out and a lot longer suited to the more maof reorganisation as we get into ture market that IT recruitment has become.

The problem is that he is trying to change the culture at time when customers are holding back ahead of the Millennium.

Even barring no further upsets, the company will be hardpressed this year to make the £9m profits it made in 1998.

That puts the shares on a lowly forward multiple of just 7. Hardly one for the fainthearted but a speculative buy.

the economic picture has improved considerably in the last winning international accounts argument for locking in from major clients such as profits. Staveley issues profits warning

STAVELEY INDUSTRIES, the diversified industrials group, issued its second profits warning in little more than two months yesterday forcing the board to launch a review of its options.

Staveley shares fell 2.5p to a new low of 63.5p after the company said exceptional charges in the current year would be 🖾 m higher than expected at £22m. The costs push the group to a loss of £6m in the year to March.

The warning is expected to lead to renewed calls for a break up by 16 per cent shareholder, cent of its operating profits.

Deja vu down

at the Co-op

FOR A brief moment yesterday

it seemed as if the foiled

takeover attempt on the Co-

operative Wholesale Society

(CWS) two years ago was re-

peating itself. Further to week-

end press reports of a new bid

for CWS by American-owned fi-

nance house Babcock & Brown.

the City rumour mill had it that Andrew Regan, the foiled bidder

of yore, was again involved.

Even Mr Regan's former spin

doctor David Bick was to play

from Mr Bick, who now runs his

own firm, Holborn Public Re-

lations, I had to hold the re-

ceiver well away from my ear:

"Whatever happens about a

bid for CWS, Andrew Regan will

implacably, 100 per cent not be

volved in any shape or form. He

doesn't want to be ... not in the

remotest sense." And so it went

Mr Bick did add that, yes. he

himself had been retained as an

adviser to the London office of

Brown & Babcock, but any pu-

tative bid for CWS would be "a

long way off". Mr Bick also adds

that he is still friends with Mr

Regan. Mr Regan lives in

Monaco with his wife and six

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Source: Bloomberg

on. I got the message.

involved. He will not be in-

When I phoned for a reaction

the same role all over again.

cent of Staveley's sales but 99 per

PEOPLE AND

BUSINESS

By John

WILLCOCK

business interests. And I do

There are echoes of two

mean private," says Mr Bick.

years ago on the other side,

though. When news of a possi-

ble new bid broke, the CWS's

top brass, led by Graham Mel-

moth, had a quiet word with

Brian Keelan, the Warburg Dil-

ion Read corporate financier

time. Mr Keelan works in New

York, but he has agreed to keep

children - "pursuing private an eye on things just in case he British Industry's Economic

Guinness Peat. One analyst said:

"It's going to break up eventu-

ally. The problem is that if it

breaks up now, shareholders

won't get decent value. The sait

division on its own should be

worth more than the current

£73m market capitalisation."

BY ANNA MINTON

regulated by the Office of Fair Trading because of its high market share, accounts for 11 per

clude a host of service businesses from non-destructive testing to a contracting division. The company has been restructured, with 30 per cent of its

senior management axed in the

Staveley's other interests in-

past year. But this year's mild wir. . and resulting shortage in salt sales has further eaten into British Salt, whose prices are profits in the core salt business. Chris Woodwark, chief exec-

utive, said yesterday's "housekeeping statement" was an attempt to keep shareholders informed. He added: "We've got a

a leaner, fitter shape. My aim is to build this company into something which shows a return on shareholder value." On Investec Henderson Crosthwaite's pre-exceptional

profits forecast of £16m, the shares trade on a forward multiple of just 6. "It's a difficult one to be optimistic about but we've got it down as a hold because underlying value is in excess of the share price," says analyst Geoff

take the helm.

limelight.

Affairs Committee. Nick Reilly, borough his business centres opchairman and managing dieration has had a £1m injection rector of Vauxhall Motors, will from Nat West Development Capital and his early investors Mr Buxton, a former Guards have seen their 10p shares rise officer and a scion of one of Bar- to 30p. And, Hot Air is appearclays' founding Quaker families, ing on Friday in Blackpool in the renditions of "Lu Lu's Back In Town" and "Yes Sir, That's My Baby" are expected to gain them a place, even if it is only as

Poaching game charity for the May Fair on 8 May.

looked perfectly relaxed at his

last committee meeting yes-

terday. He is obviously looking

forward to being out of the

ONCE UPON a time auditors stood quietly at the back of AGMs, only popping up to confirm that the annual accounts represented a true and fair view. Not any more, Arthur Andersen yesterday poached half a dozen top Swiss corporate financiers from Warburg Dillon Read, the Swiss-owned investment bank. Beancounters competing for mergers and acquisitions business is bad enough, but to do it right under the noses of the "Gnomes of Zurich" might be considered pushing it.

High notes

IT'S A busy time for James Dubois, accountant, chairman of Gainsborough Group and bass voice in the barbershop quartet "Hot Air".

On the accounting front a E-mail: j.willcock@indepen client is poised to float. At Gains- dent.co.uk

strolling players on the Green in Richmond, raising money for

Doubling up THREE FUND managers have doubled their money in just six months by investing in small cap stocks. They did so in the Singer & Friedlander Company Investor Show Share Competition, prompting the

merchant bank to note how

spectacular investment returns

can be made from shares out-

side the FSTE 100 and 250. The winners were, from the top, John Thunhurst of Credit Lyonnais Securities, Peter Land of Brewin Dolphin and David Shapiro of Phillips & Drew.

Mr Shapiro's share picks of Rebus, MDIS and NSB Retail Systems went up on average 82.3 per cent. Perhaps he should have a word with Tony Dye ..

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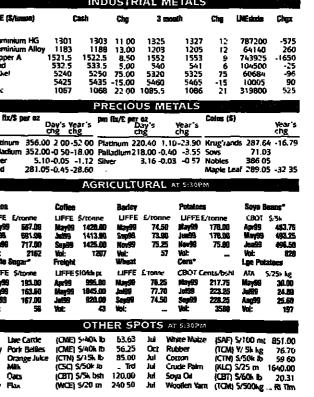
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SPORT

'It takes a certain skill to have great Olympians in one decade and athletics in the hand of the recievers the next'

Pascoe faces biggest hurdle of all



THE BRIAN VINER INTERVIEW

IN A CERTAIN Sunday newspaper supplement listing the richest people in Britain, the name of Alan Pascoe popped up in joint 971st place. Pascoe - the former Commonwealth and European champion in the 400 metres hurdles, and Olympic silver medallist, who in 1975 was ranked world No 1 - is not used to coming joint 971st. But in this particular hurdle race - for what is business, or for that matter life, but a series of hurdles? - he reckons he did not even deserve to be on the track. The list valued him at

A considerable exaggeration, he insists. "I wonder whether I can take action to get hold of the balance between what I'm really worth and what they claim." he adds, amiably.

Still even Pascoe would concede that he is a millionaire several times over, such has been the success of his various events promotions and marketing companies. The latest of them, Fast Track, born nearly a year ago, has been charged with the difficult task of giving British athletics back the spring in its step, following the financial collapse of the British Athletic Federation in October 1997. And the feeling in the sport - certainly the feeling of its Supreme Being, the chief executive of UK Athletics, David Moorcroft - is that, if anyone can do it, it is the formidably energetic and able Pascoe.

We meet at Fast Track's smart suite of offices overlooking Sloane Street in Knightsbridge. As I wait for Pascoe. I watch two or three women with poodles crossing the road. These are women who put on tracksuits only when they're planning to jump the queue at Harvey Nichols. confirming that Knightsbridge is a important. curious location for what in some respects has become the nerve centre of British athletics.

Pascoe arrives. His lanky frame has filled out somewhat since he retired from hurdling in 1978, but he is still a fit-looking 52. And he will need to be fit if he is to help Moorcroft rebuild athletics. A year ago, as he was preparing to launch Fast Track, he called several sports journalists he had known in his competing days.

"I was horrified by the extent to which they had written athletics off, largely because, however well we did overall, we failed to win any gold medals in the Atlanta Olympics or in the World Championships in Athens. It is true that athletics was at a very low ebb. It was basically structured on the Victorian concept of committees, and was not set up remotely as a business. Many of the events had lost their purpose and had become a fly-past for the athletes, who were receiving disproportionately large sums.

"But even so, by any criteria, athletics was still our most successful international sport. About 200 countries take part in the World Championships and any of them - Namibia,







Alan Pascoe, millionaire and former Olympic silver medalist, takes time out from reviving the financial fortunes of British athletics at his London office yesterday

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Surinam, Sudan - can take away gold medals. There aren't many gold medals to go round. It is really tough to get them. But that message is never put across and I guess it's not a message people want to hear. We will do very well, I believe, to get one gold medal at the World Championships in Seville this summer. So the management of expectation is (£9,300) for winners. And he is

Pascoe is keen on phrases like the "management of expectation". a reminder that he is, first and fore-Sebastian Coe - whom he recently appointed chairman of Fast Track Events, the arm of the company responsible for staging Britain's seven televised athletics meetings - he hated contemplating the mire into which athletics had sunk. As Coe bluntly put it: "It takes a certain skill to have great Olympians in one decade and the sport in the hand of the receivers the next."

For Pascoe, the descent of the sport into administrative and fiscal chaos was particularly maddening as his company, API, had raised, over 10 years, some £30m in sponsorship. "We found a coaching sponsor, Post Office Counters, who put in a million a year, and wouldn't we love that now. But neither the governing body nor the coaches, who were the main beneficiaries, lifted a finger to make that sponsorship work. It was a typical example of the Victorian amateur approach to the sport. We are prepared to take the money but don't expect us to do anything'. It was like banging my head against a brick

Sir Bobby's later comment

that " we don't want to see fans

on the pitch" may have been

more politically correct, but it

perpetuates the error that the

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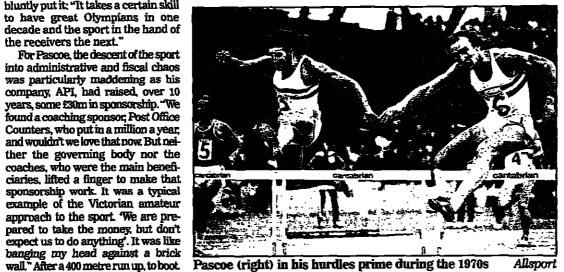
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This time round, with Fast Track organising the meetings. Pascoe has a stronger grip on the product he is trying to sell. Yesterday, he announced a significant hike in the prize money available to athletes competing in Britain - nearly \$750,000 (£468,000) at the showpiece meeting on 7 August, with \$15.00 already challenging conventions by reducing the number of simultaneous events, so that the long-jump. for instance, will no longer have to most, a marketing man. And like compete for the crowd's attention with the javelin and the pole vault.

"We are trying," he says, "to make it a one-ring circus. We are replacing the scratchy old PA systems. We are bringing in huge video screens, so that people will get the

watching on television. Before, with information on cardboard scoreboards, if people didn't know where to look they had no idea what was going on. But at the indoor grand prix in Birmingham this year, we stopped all track events and focused on the women's triple-jump, which last round. The crowd was clapping and chanting. It was wonderful." Hansen's leaps forward are as

nothing, though, compared with what Pascoe is trying to do. And he looks enviously towards the impressive new Heysel stadium in Brussels, where crowds for athletics meetings top 40,000. "They have African drums beating during the long-distance races and they do it action-replays they expect if they are very well. I would love to have such



other hand, when the javelin throwers came out after the European Championships in Budapest and Steve Backley threw 85 or 86 metres. only one person clapped out of 45,000. So Brussels is not a role model in every respect."

Ashia Hansen was trailing until the not be turned into son et lumiere spectaculars by will alone. They need money. And last year, there was very little of it. "We had a very weak TV deal with Channel 4 and the sport was run on a shoestring," says As a result, the International

Amateur Athletic Federation delivered the ultimate snub, downgrading events held in Britain, and recently restoring them to grand prix I status only in response to a spirited campaign led by Pascoe, Moorcroft, David Hemery and Coe. Pascoe was delighted, but not as

delighted as he was last October at the end of what he describes as one of the best weeks of his life. To the BBC's chagrin, Channel 4 had pinched the rights to Test cricket. The BBC badly needed to reinforce its commitment to British sport.

It was already planning to bid for the rights to televise athletics but, following the cricket episode, the deal - some four times as lucrative as the Channel 4 agreement - was hurried through. Bluntly, did BBC executives throw more money at athletics than they really wanted to, in order to buy back some desperately-needed credibility? Pascoe is diplomatic. "I like to think Allsport of it as a fair deal for the BBC, as

crowds and stadia here. On the well as the right deal for the future of athletics." he says.

The BBC investment came as an enormous shot in the arm, if that is not too provocative an image in athletics. Pascoe is wearied by the fuss over drugs. "Other sports, soc- Moreover, his hurdling career gives cer and rugby league in particular, him a useful perspective on the "Athletics is singled out, yet no sport in Britain has the testing regime we have. Any athlete is liable to be tested at any time, anywhere. If they go abroad they have to leave an address. If they can't be contacted, they can be suspended. Many of us would see that as an imposition, civil liberties and all that sort of thing."

Towards the end of his own career, Pascoe became increasingly aware of the use of drugs. "But the feeling was that it was an Eastern bloc thing, and particularly that it was the big throwers. From the details that have been coming out of Eastern Europe, it's now clear that there was widespread usage, from very early on. Horrific. It is possible that someone could still prove that I should have been the gold rather than silver medallist at the European Championships in 1971, because I was beaten by an Eastern bloc runner, but I would hate to think that was the case. I'm grateful for what

I have. "On reflection, though, there was a hurdler I always beat as a junior. And he wasn't from Eastern Europe. He suddenly came out one season and was two yards faster. But I knew that nobody had trained harder than me that winter."

Asthmatic as a boy and, in his own word, uncoordinated, Pascoe overtook many more natural athletes in his quest for gold medals, and it is the same single-mindedness that has served him so well in business. sport, and he has no truck with the theory that the golden age has passed.

"I remember people saying: What will follow when Pascoe, Foster and Capes go?' And of course, what followed - Ovett, Coe and then Cram - was immeasurably better. Then when everyone was crying into their beer again, along came Sally Gunnell and Linford Christie, Now we have Jonathan Edwards, Steve Backley and Ashia Hansen and, at under-23 level, more depth than ever before."

With that depth, plus the strides made by Moorcroft in making athletics commercially viable, Pascoe believes that the 2002 Commonwealth Games in Manchester could and should be a glittering showpiece. "I think it's very important for British sport. Until Euro 96, the two biggest events here were the World Student Games and the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh.

"Neither was a success. So the rest of sport has to show that it isn't just soccer that can put on big events. In 2003 we will hopefully have the world athletics championships, which is part of the drive for the 2006 soccer World Cup. By then we will be ready to make a serious Olympic bid. I just hope it happens in my time." As do we all.

Celebration has its place

Sir: The Independent contained a report (20 April) by Glenn Moore about England's bid to host the World Cup in 2006 in which he calls Sir Bobby Charlton's remark about wanting to run on the pitch after the Manchester United-Arsenal cup replay a faux pas.

In the context of the bid, it may have been unwise, but I think it was an honest and valid expression of how we all felt. I listened to the match on radio and then watched the late-night highlights on terrestrial TV. I am a neutral (a Tottenham supporter who admires the current Manchester United and Arsenal sides) but I was completely caught up in the match. The newspapers the next day were full of it, especially Giggs' marvellous match-winning goal. Given that the match had generated so much excitement, it hardly seems wrong that the fans there wanted to show their feelings the way they did.

Match United

Sir: The theory that the gap is now closed between the English and Italian football leagues because of Manchester United's fans are an unfortunate nuisance exploits in Europe surely requires more English teams to prove it. the turnstiles meekly shelling out The rest of the Premiership are years behind Manchester United when it comes to seeking top European honours and only United have the measure of the best Italment expressed the feelings of all ian sides.

It's no coincidence that Italian teams feature in two of the European finals with the others all reaching the latter stages of their respective European competitions. Bar Manchester United, it seems there are a different set of English clubs venturing into Europe every season and getting knocked out.

As novices, they end up either feeling their way around or attacking with naïve bravado. United, however, with their valuable travelling experience and a squad which is large enough and talented enough to cope with crises, have evolved to be able to impose their tenacious and refreshingly hungry brand of play on opponents who come expecting a game of chess-like football.

SPORTS LETTERS

However the absurd number of games in which players are expected to perform in this country will have to be cut severely if they are to maintain the fitness and relish for the game that is essential for competing in Europe. ALAN GLYNN Finchleu London

Give it a rest

Sir. And the whingeing goes on! Am I alone in finding it incomprehensible that Manchester United, with a minimum of 18 international players, find playing nine games in 36 days as being too much.

Turning the clock back 10 years, Liverpool played eight games in 26 days post Hillsborough in the days when squads were limited and each player had experienced the trauma of attending several funerals. It was little wonder that Arsenal went on to win the title, and they were commendably acclaimed as champions by the Kop despite the obvious disappointment. JOHN GREENWOOD Warrington

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from their stirring victory.

Do let's be fair Sir: I have never been to Old Trafford in my life but that didn't stop me lending my support to Man-chester United as I watched their European Cup semi-final against Juventus on TV. Nor did it prevent the eventual enjoyment I took

What I find difficult to accept are those moaners and whingers who denigrate United's achievement through meanmindedness or petty jealousy. To illustrate, a Liverpool season ticket-holding colleague told me that at Anfield on the night of the match, Liverpool fans were chanting "Juve" when the Italians took the lead. What sportsmanship! JEREMY KENNEDY Southport

Foreign flair

Sir. I have just looked at your Premiership Team of the Week (Sport, Monday 27 April) and it makes fascinating reading.

The defence is Made in Britain, including David Seaman, Gary Neville, Rio Ferdinand, Tony Adams and Nigel Winterburn, but the midfield and attack, with the exception of Kevin Campbell (who is newly returned from Turkey) comprises the Best of the Rest. Dietmar Hamann, Eyal Berkovic, Patrick Vieira, Harry Kewell and

Nwankwo Kanu. There, in one team, a reflection of the Premiership (Manchester United excepted), with the stout British defenders doing and dying in the rearguard and the skilful creative foreigners providing imagination

and flair And David Ginola wins the PFA Player of the Year Award just to prove the point. ANDREW SCOTT Bloxwich West Midlands

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Australia win right to host 2001 Lions tour

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TRULY. THIS is the age of the Wallaby Australia, a very smart bet to win their second world title this autumn, can boast the Cook Cup, the Bledisloe Cup, the best player on the planet in John Eales and, uniquely, six-figure rugby audiences in both Melbourne and Sydney. where 100,000 tickets have already been sold for the Centenary Test against England on 26 June. And by way of exploding the myth that no-one gets everything they want, they now

BY CHRIS HEWETT

disgust of their nearest and dearest in New Zealand. John O'Neill, the chief executive of the Australian Rugby Union, announced yesterday that he and his colleagues had won the right to host the British Isles tour party in 2001. "The Lions represent the finest in rugby tradition," be gushed, his tone entirely different to the one have the Lions, too, much to the he adopted 10 months ago in

weakened side following their 76-0 surrender in Brisbane. They were victorious in South Africa in 1997 and should prove an awesome draw when they get here in two years' time."

O'Neill has jumped the gun on this issue before - he made similarly confident noises last year, only to receive an earbashing from the New Zealand Rugby Football Union, which insisted that the 2001 tour would be split between the two countries - but International Board

have rejected deeply unpopular nlans to sanction an itinerary giving the Wallabies and the All Blacks two Tests apiece. Confirmation is expected later this week, when the IRB releases an

up-dated tour schedule. Neither the All Blacks nor the Springboks will be particularly pleased; instead of waiting eight years for a Lions visit, they will now have to wait 12. Given the pulling power of the most celebrated touring side in

Dunedin to Durban will be counting the cost of Australia's rise to prominence over the last decade and a half.

There will be considerable debate over the length of the proposed tour: the Lions played 13 matches in Springbok country two years ago but, notwithstanding the startling rise of Australia Capital Territory as a competitive Super-12 outfit, the Wallabies would struggle to field more than 10 sides capable of giving the combined might of Britain and Ireland a meaninglast visited Australia in 1989 -Finlay Calder's team won the Test series 2-1 - their 12-date programme included fixtures with New South Wales, New South Wales B and New South Wales Country. Every rugby player in the state, good and bad, seemed to have a crack at the visitors and many had two bites

at the red-shirted cherry. The likelihood this time is that outside the three Tests and heavy-duty matches against Brumbies - the Lions will play a "missionary" fixture against Western Australia in Perth. two up-country select XVs and, possibly, a midweek game against either Australia A or an Auschairman, said he was "ab-

tralian Barbarians side. Namibia's participation in the forthcoming World Cup was threatened yesterday when the country's sports commission banned the national team from all competitive activity pending an investigation into alleged

president of the commission. accused the white-dominated Namibian Rugby Union of ignoring an agreement designed to increase black representation in the domestic league. Andries Wahl, the NRU

solutely baffled" by the com-

mission's decision. A similar

situation developed in South

Africa last year and was re-solved only when Louis Luyt,

the dictatorial union chief from

Johannesburg, stepped down.

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THE FULL scale of the London

Broncos' task in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup final at Wembley on Saturday has become a little clearer with Graham Murray naming a full-strength Leeds side for Wembley. The last injury doubt was cleared up

yesterday when the New

Zealand Test centre. Richie

Blackmore, was included in

the team despite not having

played since the semi-final vic-

Blackmore has a recurring

groin complaint but is confident

that he will get through the

match. His inclusion is impor-

tant because, quite apart from

an ability to break tackles in the

backline, he is one of only two

Leeds players with previous

experience of the final, having

played in the Castleford side

that lost there in 1992. Francis

Cummins, who played in the

Leeds teams beaten by Wigan

in 1994 and 1995, is the other.

vin Golden, who was playing

splendidly in the threequarter

line before suffering an ankle

injury. Golden made a suc-

cessful comeback on Sunday,

but Blackmore's return pushes

him out. Murray has opted for

three forwards - Lee Jackson.

The unlucky player is Mar-

tory over Bradford.

By DAVE HADFIELD

Rugby League: London owe debt to unlikely cast of characters for chance to play in Saturday's Challenge Cup final

Broncos' rocky route to stardom

APART FROM themselves, no- BY DAVE HADFIELD body expects London's rugby league team to give Leeds many problems at Wembley on Saturday. The mere fact that they are there at all, though, is testimony to the 37 season it was, for over 40 way that relays of torch-bearers have defied the odds by rugby league in London. keeping the flame alive.

When Richard Branson Silk Cut Challenge Cup final, he will be the latest and most recognisable of an often unlikely cast of characters who have sustained the dream of making the code a success in the capital.

It is a dream that goes back a long way - to Brigadier-General A C Critchley in 1933, just four years after the Challenge Cup final was played at Wembley for the first time.

Even allowing for the eccentricities of some of his successors, the Brigadier-General was an unusual rugby league evangelist. A former Canadian mountie and Conservative MP (not simultaneously), his other schemes included the introduction of cheetah racing to London.

He had the White City greyhound stadium on his hands, doing very little for most of the time, and acquired the Wigan Highfield club to play there. They did so for just one season, quite successfully in terms of results, before Critchley declared the experiment a failure and Highfield returned to a nomadic existence in the north-

Another greyhound man, Sydney Parkes, went one better by setting up two London clubs - Acton and Willesden and Streatham and Mitcham. The former lasted one season, the latter two, although they did create the first banner headlines for the code in London by signing one of the world's leading rugby union stars, the New Zealander George Nepia.

It was Parkes' failure to gain a greyhound racing licence -

the main point of the exercise - that killed off Streatham and Mitcham, After they collapsed in chaos at the end of the 1936years, the end of professional

It is difficult to recreate now the sensation that Fulham's leads out the Broncos for the arrival in 1980 caused, Rugby league had been virtually static since the War, with only the addition of Workington and Whitehaven from what was already a hot-bed of the game, and Blackpool from marginally outside the mainstream. Expansion had been a discredited notion; consolidation was the mind-set of the 60s and 70s and the code looked a more exclusively northern preoccupation

So when the Warrington di-

rector, Harold Genders, persuaded the Fulham chairman, Ernie Clay, to set up a rugby league team at Craven Cottage, it was not just national but world-wide sporting news. I can vouch for the fact that it was the back-page lead in The South China Morning Post. In many ways, that first season remains the best-ever for the game in London, Almost 10,000 were watching as Fulham, with a side of Northerners expertly led by their player-coach, Reg Bowden, beat Wigan in their inaugural fixture, and there were more than 15,000 present, setting a record that still stands, against Wakefield

in the Challenge Cup. Fulham were promoted twice and relegated twice. Clay, under pressure from a board that had hoped, like him, to make money for the football club, pulled the plug in

A couple from Maidenhead, Roy and Barbara Close, and the first player Fulham had signed. Roy Lester, emerged as the club's saviours. Most of the players had moved on as free agents and a new team began life at the National Sports Cen-



Martin Offiah (left) and John Temu celebrate the semi-final win over Castleford that took London Broncos to Wembley for the first time Charles Knight

was one.

The club soldiered on in even more reduced circumstances at Chiswick Polytechnic's ground - surely the only one in the history of the game with a miniature railway behind the stand - and almost closed for good in 1986, only the players agreeing to appear for nothing against Huddersfield enabling it to fulfil its fixtures.

Supporters virtually ran the club the following season and a shifting cast of characters, including two high-profile overseas coaches in Ross Strudwick and Tony Gordon, somehow kept it alive into the 1990s, by which time it had been back to Crystal Palace, changed its identity to the London Crusaders and settled at Copthall Stadium in Barnet.

These had been years full of drama, defiance and recrimi- fessional Rugby in London nation, but the biggest up-

tre at Crystal Palace, an un- heavals were still to come. inviting venue if ever there Prompted by the then chief executive of the Rugby League and - whatever else he might have done right or wrong -London's staunchest ally, Maurice Lindsay, the Brisbane Broncos bought the club, renamed it and moved it to The Valley to take up its guaranteed Super League place.

Alarmed by the cost of the venture, they were relieved in the end to pass the baton to Barry Maranta and then on to Branson, But, when he steps out at Wembley, Branson will represent all his predecessors, competent and incompetent, honest and devious, wealthy and bankrupt, who somehow kept the show on the road.

If this is anyone's final, it is theirs. And that cheetah racing could still work. ■ With acknowledgement to

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FULHAM Founded: 1980. (Became London Crusaders in 1991; London Broncos in 1994).

Achievements: Second Division Champions 1982-3; Super League Runners-up 1997; Challenge Cup finalists 1999

Prospects: Despite the efforts by hosts of believers over aimost two decades, still struggling to win mass acceptance in capital.

CARLISLE Founded: 1981. (Merged with in effect absorbed by - Barrow in

team of imported veterans) in first season. Life generally a struggle

spects: Some amateur activity still going on. Possibility of in-ternational matches at Carlisle United in next year's World Cup.

CARDIFF CITY Founded: 1981. (Became Bridgend in 1984: folded 1985; a

SPREADING THE WORD: LEAGUE'S PIONEERING CLUBS different club, South Wales, competed in 1996; unsuccessful Super League bld from Cardifl

> consortium in 1998). Achievements: Never quite letting the idea of a top-flight club in South Wales die.

Prospects: Another Super League bid in the pipeline.

KENT INVICTA Founded: 1983. (Relocated to Southend 1984: folded 1985). **Achievements:** Provided a route into the English game for overseas players of the calibre of Gary

Freeman and Mark Elia. SHEFFIELD

FAGLES Founded: 1984.

Achievements: Division Two Champions 1992; Play-off Winners 1989, 1992: Challenge Cup Winners 1998. Prospects: Well-established and

highly-competitive club, but still find it hard to attract the crowds their success deserves.

PARIS ST-GERMAIN

Founded: 1996 (Folded 1997). Achievements: Giving European Super League a short-lived European dimension; avoiding last place in both its seasons. Prospects: Any future franchise

GATESHEAD THUNDER

the South.

Founded: 1999. Achievements: Winning four of first seven games in Super League. Prospects: Team capable of ministration which is in for the long haul, but some desperately disappointing crowds so far.

AND THE REST ... Other non-RL towns and cities which have hosted professional sides over the last two decades are Mansfield, Nottingham, Scarborough and Preston, None still

has a professional team.

Jamie Mathiou and Andy Hay alongside the utility player Marcus St Hilaire on the substitutes' bench. Shaun Edwards said yesterday he expected to be fit to play for the Broncos. He was seeing

a specialist about his broken thumb last night and said: "I'll be very disappointed if I don't play, but it's up to the coaches." If it is any indication, Edwards came through a game

of novelty rugby with two teams of women on a bouncy castle on The Big Breakfast yesterday morning. "And the tackling was pretty hard," he insisted. The Bradford Bulls should

learn today what the future holds for their ground at Odsal. The Bulls have campaigned for years for rebuilding to update the council-owned stadium and Bradford's regeneration committee is to look at proposals from seven companies

who want to redevelop the site. The Belfast-born chief executive of the Sheffield Eagles, Ralph Rimmer, has joined the Irish national squad as joint team manager.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated
EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP GROUP

Georgia v Norway (5.0).
(ot Boris Peichadre Studium. Toilisi)
Latvia v Albania (5.0).
(ot Dougava Studium. Riga)
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Austria v San Marino.
(ot Arnold Schwarzenegger Studium.
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INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLES

Germany v Scotland
(at Weser Scadium, Bremen)

Hungary v England (7.15)
(at Nèp Stadium, Budapest)

Republic of Ireland v Sweden
(at Lansdowne Rood, Dublin)

Romania v Berglum (6.30)
(at Steaus Stadium, Bucharest)

Stovenia v Finland (5.0)
(at Bezigrad Scadium, Ljubijana)

NATIONINIDE CONFERENCE
Forest Green v Dover
Kingstorian v Souchport
DR MARTENS LEAGUE Premier Division:
Salisbury v Grestey Rosers (7.45); Rochweil
Wiorcester (7.45), Middland Division: Solhuli Borough v Weston-super-Mare.
RYMAN LEAGUE First Division: Middcentead v Camery Island: Romford v Molesey (at Tibury! Wealdstone v Hikchin.
Third Division: Epsom & Ewell v Wingate
& Finchley.
UNIDOND LEAGUE First Division: Farsley Celit v Whitey Bay
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Division: Beckenham v Charham.
UNIDET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE First
Division: Hassocia's v Burgers Hill.
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JEWSON EASTERN LEAGUE CUP 14-nai: Felostone v Sudoury Wanderers (or Not-tutis Park, Woodbridge) PONTINS LEAGUE Premier Division: Lekester v Birmingham (7.0); Manchester

Utd v Leeds (7.0): Notringham Forest v Blackburn (7.0): Prestron v Liverpool (7.15): Asron villa v Everton (7.0). First Division:
Middlesbrough v Cowenty (7.0). Second Division: Blackpool v Shrewsbury (7.0). Bradford City v Wreeham (2.0): Huddersfield vi(2.0): Notes County v Rotherham (2.0): Scaborough v Stockport (7.0). Third Division:
Bury v Darington (2.0): Chester v Oresterfield (2.0). Scaethorpe v Walsoli (7.0).
Wigan v Hull (2.0): Halifax v Hartepool (2.0)
ANDN INSURANCE COMBENATION First
Division: Barnet v Chelsea. Brentford v Fulham (2.0): Cambridge Utd v West Ham (7.0).
[pswich v Watford (7.0): Brighton v Reading (7.0) (at Worthing Road).

CRICKET

PPP HEALTHCARE COUNTY CHAMPIONISHIP (First day of four; 11.0 start):
Riverside (Chester-le-Street): Durham
v Hampshire: Chelsasford: Essev v Warwickshire: Cardiff' Glamorgan v SussenBristol: Gloucestershire v Middlesev, Cantarburg: Kent v Derbyshire: Lalcaster:
Leicestershire v Lancashire; Northampton:
Northamptonshire v Worcestershire.
SECOND XI CHAMPFORISHIP (First day
of three; 11.0 start): Hone: Sussen v
Gloucestershire; Knowie & Dorridge:
Warwickshire v NotLinghamshire; Worcesters Worcestershire v Leicestershire; Wortesters Worcestershire v Leicestershire; WorkeVorkshire v Somerset. (Second day of
Four): Southampton: Hampshire v Kent:
The Ounl: Surrey v Essex. CRICKET

RUGBY LEAGUE

RUGBY UNION WELSH NATIONAL LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION PLAY-OFF GROUP A

OTHER SPORTS

Wasim in bullish mood Sydney claims its place PAKISTAN ARRIVED in England

yesterday as one of the favourites for the World Cup. with their captain Wasim Akram insisting his team's chances will not be harmed by match-fixing allegations. A commission investigating

the claims is to hold its final hearing in Lahore today. However despite the distraction to surprising but I can assure his team's World Cup prepara- every member of the team is tions, a bullish Wasim was quick to deny suggestions of team morale being affected. "The match-fixing issue

cricket team. We have been winning for the last three months, not just against India but also Sri Lanka and England. I think the Pakistan team is sick of the allegations," Wasim said. "We just decided in the end we will not be bothered by the allegations and we will just get on and play our cricket."

Wasim also said the side would not be affected by the resignation of their coach Javed Miandad. He quit last Wednesday, citing "family reasons".

By MARK PIERSON

The Pakistan Cricket Board has still not accepted Javed's resignation, but Richard Pybus, a South African coach, is expected to take over tomorrow. "What happened last week is

ready to give his best to bring back the Cup," Wasim said. Ricardo Powell, a 20-year-old all-rounder who has yet to play

doesn't matter to the Pakistan a one-day match for his native Jamaica, will replace Carl Hooper in the West Indies squad, following Hooper's retirement from international cricket. Powell is an attacking middle-order batsman, an offspin bowler and brilliant fielder - but he has only played six first-class matches and has no experience in England.

'We will obviously miss Carl, who is an outstanding cricketer and had vast experience, not least playing for Kent in the English County Championship for son tour to South Africa.

many years," Clive Lloyd. the West Indies' manager, said. "But this is a chance for Powell to show his worth in the higgest tournament in world cricket."

West Indies' cricket officials are to meet next month for talks on how to avoid a repetition of the crowd trouble in the recent one-day series against Australia. Some of the measures already raised are high fences and only allowing the use of plastic bottles at all grounds.

On the domestic front, Alec Stewart, the England captain, will miss his last game for Surrey before the World Cup due to a family bereavement. Stewart had hoped to return to form with the bat at

Northampton but the death of his grandmother, Rose, means he will miss the game starting today. "At times like this there are more important things than cricket." Stewart said. Mark Lathwell, the Somer

One grand prix it already hosts. set batsman, may miss the entire season because of a knee injury sustained on a pre-sea-

THE SYDNEY to Hobart Race. which claimed six lives, including the British Olympic yachtsman Glyn Charles, when

the fleet was battered by 80mph winds last December, will form part of the third leg of the Volvo Ocean Race in 2001-02. The race's chief executive,

Helge Alten, will announce today that the 630-mile classic is being included to enhance the spectacle as the sponsors, Volvo, makes further changes to the event it bought from Whitbread. Sydney will also provide the second stopover in the race.

which starts at the end of September 2001 in Southampton. Fremantle, in Western Australia, has been dropped and there was disappointment in Melbourne, which had mounted a concerted campaign to be the only Australian port of call, hoping to add ocean racing's premier event to the Formula

The first stopover will again be Cape Town, and the inclusion of the Sydney-Hobart Race will mean a high-profile restart and Kiel in Germany.

BY STUART ALEXANDER

after the second leg in front of huge crowds. However, the run to Tasmania will only form part of the third leg to Auckland. The

vachts must stop for a minimum of three hours for a "pit stop" to make any running repairs before re-crossing the finish line in the Derwent River to race another 1,800 miles up the Tasman Sea. The United States stopovers

have already been confirmed as Miami, which replaces Fort Lauderdale, and, for the second time, Baltimore. After Auckland and rounding Cape Horn, the halt in South America will be Rio De Janeiro, which replaces São Sebastio in Brazil From Baltimore the yachts re-cross the Atlantic to La Rochelle, considered highly successful in 1997-78, but will then by-pass Britain, no longer hosting the finish, to the final two stops in Gothenburg, Volvo's home port in Sweden.

In the America's Cup, the British bid for the event at the end of this year is expected to be wound up today while Luc Gelluseau, in charge of the French challenge, admitted that even to make the semifinals of the Louis Vuitton Cup would fulfil their targets. With a relatively modest budget of £5.5m and only one boat he feels they cannot compete with the better-funded of the other nine challenging syndicates.

Speaking at the Multiplast factory where the French hull is being built in Vannes for the Sixth Sense syndicate, Gelluseau said no budget was available for significant improvements to the boat, which will be launched on 18 June.

Marc Pajot, who will line up for Europe on Saturday against Pierre Mas in the opening foray for the Adecco Maxi World Championship in Cadiz, has run into money problems with the Swiss Fast 2000 syndicate. Their challenge is on hold as vital funding has fallen through.

YOUNG FAMILIES have been BY RICHARD EDMONDSON rushing past the gates of Heath House in Newmarket this week following news of the great master's swift deterioration.

Sir Mark Prescott, the champion of the amateur conditions found other areas to exploit. event, the trainer who won to be run in Britain, the great manipulator in handicaps, is beginning to slip away. Confircame in a simple and saddening gesture. He is about to run one of his string in a Classic. "I don't know what's come over me." Prescott said from his resting place yesterday. "I must have gone potty.

"I'm very worried about it [Triple Dash's entry in Saturday's 2,000 Guineas), especially as I've had no pressure from the owners to run. I can't blame them. It's all very unlikely and I don't know quite what I'm

This, of course, is not exactly true. Prescott's title of honour was not bestowed to a Alborada recently too. But there dribbling nobleman who left has only ever been one Classic his brains at the portcullis. The baronet has spent the near 30 years of his life with a licence

programme book. He used to be as much a scourge of the North as Rob Roy until others followed in his cartwheels. And then he

Throughout it all, though, seven of the first nine claimers there were never any big winners and critics viewed Prescott as the natural counterbalance to the Quixotic Clive Brittain mation of his fading faculties and Paul Kelleway - a man who kept his horses below their level. Whatever the merit to that argument, they can never say again that Sir Mark does not win major races. Pivotal provided

> RICHARD EDMONDSON Nap: Ingletonian (Kelso 8.30) NB: Zurs (Ascot 5.15)

him with his first Group One in York's Nunthorpe Stakes two years ago and there have been the flying fillies Last Second and runner from Heath House and even that was on the Continent. Red Camellia finished third, excavating for treasures in the beaten less than a length. in the

Digacre (No 6) leads Tearaway King (left) over the double bank on the way to victory at Punchestown yesterday 1997 Poule d'Essai des Poulicheveryone. There would be seven es (French 1.000 Guineas). It would probably have

staved like that had Prescott not been visited. As the curtains billowed in the wind last year he had a vision of the 1999 2,000 Guineas. "In my little dream world I'd thought of a plan, particularly as Triple Dash is a very useful horse in soft ground," he says. "We're running on the July course, which has got the stiffest last furlong of any track in the country. It has been watered every year for 30 years in the summer, and if we get a lot

of rain it will be a morass. "In my little fantasy world I imagined some wonderful horse emerging that would start oddson and frighten the life out of year." Prescott admits. "But

or eight runners, on this morass, and the fancied horse would do too much and I'd come along and fluke it.

But the Almighty isn't on my side because he chucked the bucket of water on the July course last weekend instead of this. And the real good thing hasn't materialised. Everyone who's got half a racehorse is poling up."

It is, nevertheless, remarkable that Prescott is attending with his portion. Heath House does not usually awake from winter slumber until it hears the jangle of Morris Men around the Maypole. "I'm always out of form until the middle of the

then I always think the Classics time of the year, tulips come come far too soon. The Guineas comes very early and the Derby is up hill and down dale on ground too fast, but that's what it's all about. That's all part of trying to find a very good horse. A proper horse will come early and still last the season.

"But, along the way, there have been endless good horses ruined just so they could get to the Guineas. Careers sacrificed on the altar of 1 May. But my horse has come to himself and I've had no difficulty getting him ready. I haven't done anything with him that I didn't

"I believe all horses develop in their own time. It's a bit like flowers. Daffodils come at this

next and then it's the poppies. Depending on what sort of horse you've got, he comes

naturally at some point." Triple Dash was a coming horse among the outsiders with William Hill vesterday. He is now 50-1 (from 66-1) for the first colts' Classic. "He's healthy and he's well and there doesn't look to be a terrifying, terrifying horse in there." Prescott said. "He'll run as long as the

ground doesn't get firm." There may be a different reason for Bountiful Lady's nonparticipation in the fillies' equivalent, Sunday's 1.000 Guineas. She is trained by another of Newmarket's titled inhabitants, Sir Michael Stoute, but even his

Caroline Norris influence may not be able to get

her inside the July Course safety limit of 23 runners. Bountiful Lady is the 27th and lowest rated of those declared at the five-day stage, despite winning her only race, and can run only if others defect. Magda, Jig and Lamzena are also in danger.

This is of no matter to Steven Drowne, who has been given a debut Guineas opportunity aboard Mick Channon's Golden Silca. "I sat on her this morning and she worked very nicely," the jockey best known for his handicap alliances with Hard To Figure and Sea Freedom said. "She is a game filly who was second in her trial and will have an outside chance."

Mann has cause to celebrate Celibate

CELIBATE AND Richard Dunwoody gave the Lambourn trainer Charlie Mann his most notable success vesterday with a win over Space Trucker and Direct Route in the IRE55,000 BMW Chase on the opening day of Punchestown's Festival.

"The plan was to make the running and he enjoyed it," Mann said of the 7-1 winner. "Richard and I agreed that we might as well go out in front because Direct Route and Space Trucker are held up usually."

"Direct Route has had a hard season," his jockey, Norman Williamson, said. "He travelled well enough, but emptied when he hit the last."

Cardinal Hill signed off for the season with a comfortable win in the Champion Novices' Hurdle in which Nicky Henderson's Bacchanal jumped badly and finished last of the five runners. He was later found to be lame.

Ireland's top two chasers, Dorans Pride and Florida Pearl. provide today's highlight in the Heineken Gold Cup, with the score between them standing at one-all. Adrian Maguire was due to replace the hospitalised Paul Carberry on Dorans Pride but he cracked a bone in his wrist at Plumpton on Monday and will be out of action for two weeks. Tony McCoy now takes the ride. David Nicholson's Gold Cup seventh, Escartefigue, reopposes Florida Pearl on 5lb better terms than when two lengths second in the Hennessy Gold Cup at Leopardstown.

Following an injury scare at the weekend, the participation of Joe Mac in the Champion Novices' Hurdle will be decided after he canters this morning.

ASCOT

2.00 Great White 2.30 Cassandra Go 3.05 Spirit Of Love 3.40 Family Man

4.10 Lionhearted 4.40 Risque Lady 5.15 Indium

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LONG DISTANCE TRAVELLER: Spirit Of Love (325 per 243 mes).

2 00 GARTER STAKES (CLASS B) £11,500 added 2YO 5f Penalty Value £7,282

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First Blood: Wan median auction maden at FO estane usoffiliby head from Merciga and 6-runner conditions stakes at Nermanivet (good) 15 days later by 1 % lengths from Barringer Alfie Lee: 50000-guinea son of Case Law 33-1.5 lengths behind wither First Blood when fifth of 8 or Nermanivet, tending to hang first 11 till better off today, which should not be enough Bee Eight 30000-guinea son of Majarid in 1-2 plenty of promes when just town 20 lengths severative 15 to Laurida in maden at Windsor Igood to firm). Looks bround to improve on that Great White: 4000-guinea son of Majarid 20-1 2 % lengths that of 10 to Affatak in maden at Normanivet (good), always promisers. Another who should benefit considerably from his debut Optimather. Humbly bred by Komaite out of a modest stayer, but well-backed favourite for 17-runner maden auction at Windsor (good to firm) and went by 5 lengths, despite langing left.

VERDICET: The instrett spoke by OPTIMATIE at Windsor 16 days are the conditions. VERDICT: The market spoke for OPTIMATE at Windoor 16 days ago, he could not have won in much better style and looks worthy of support again, it would be a bit of a surprise if Affie Lee were to turn the tables on Pirat Blood, but none of the others can be ruled out, even the Newmanket seventh Bee Eight - his trainer; David Elsworth, has a much better record with his juveniles second time out.

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Conserving Go: 7-1 come up the centre to lead final 2! when winning 14-numer malder at Newmarket (71, good) by neck from Musical Treat, with Instruste another 2 lengths back in third Eden: 16-1 and backward, won 16-numer malder at Newmarket (71, good to soft) last October by 7-length from Sex Robus, getting up close home. Open to plenty of improvement Hi Niledy; 26-1, mon 7-number mader at Newmarket (61, good to firm) last May by 7-length. Not seen again until 61-lengths fourth of 8 in 61 classified stakes at Window. Should stay I'm Instructor: By Mr Prospector out of All Al Sex. 3-1 second favourite when third of 14 to Coercitor on Newmarket Newmark. Not refer to the protect in the trable party holes such a length and reserved. samilie Go at Newmerket. No forlorn hope to turn the tables and looks sure to win race samps Go at Newmanet. An anomal noise to unit the sceles and blood size is not a war races align By Catrail from a good family. Won 7-numer Newmanies maden (64, 50th) lest April by a neck. Last of 7 (when reportedly choixed) in listed race in July only other start. Should stay im Pearl Berley; 33-1, 47: lengths behind Cassandra Go and 11/, lengths behind instruate when sixth of 14 in maiden at Newmanies throw weeks opo, never damperous. Likely to stay beyond in Sweet Emotion: From good family, 9-1 from 4-1, won 12-numer newcomens race at Newmaniest (tim, good) by 11/. lengths from Cloudy Sky Another filly with a bright future

VERDICT: Oute who will make the most progress among this promisely bunch of filles is hard to say, but on form it seams reasonable to acie with CASSANDRA GO who had both Instinute and Pearl Barley behind her at Newmarket two weeks ago. She is a possible challenger for the Irish 1000 Guineas. With Hi Nicky facing a stiff task and lifty best watched after her troubled 2yo season, the biggest danger may come from Ed Dunlop's Sweet Emotion who won a division of the Wood Ditton Stakes.

	3.05	INSULPAK SAGARO STAKES (GROUP 3) (A) £42,000 2m 45yds Pen Value £25,000
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ź	11030-	MARIDPOUR (207) (CD) (H H Age Khen) Sr M Stoute 4 8 12
4	2/211-	MAWARED (266) (D) (Hamden Al Melricum) J Dunico 68 12
5		SAMPAAN (USA) (25) (C) (D) (K M Al-Mochel) J Durlop 6.8 12 J Fortume 3.115
6		SAN SEBASTIAN (199) (C) (BF) (Mrs M Wart) M Grassick 5 8 12
7		SHAYA (11) (Savyer Whatley) G Bravery 5 & 12
ε		SPIRIT OF LOVE (193) (CD) (A W Robinson) M Johnston 4 8 9, D Holland 2 110
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BETTING: 7-2 Spirit Of Love, 4-1 Canon Can, 9-2 The Glow-Worm, 5-1 Coloric, 6-1 Samraan, 8-1 Maridpour, 10-1 Mawared, 14-1 San Sebastian, 20-1 Shaya 1938: Persan Punch 5-9 1 is Palion 4-1 (D Elsworth) Orawn (5) 10 ran (transferred to Newmarket)

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Canon Can: Backward and well becan on 1996 reappearance. As good as ever afterwards when placed in Goodwood and Doncaster Cups. Thorough stayes, goes well on soft surface Celenic: Well below form in 1996 until good placed efforts in Goodwood Cup (gave 50 to Canon Can who beat Iran 17% lengths) and both starts efferwards. Would not want any more rain Manidpours. Best Laurentide by a short need in Group 3 Queens Vese at Royal Ascot (2m, good to soft). Showed his form afterwards only when narrowly-beaten and possibly unlucky third to Persian Punch and Celeric in Group 3 at York (2m, firm) in August. A possible improver Marwared: Had only three starts in 1998, improved when winning handicaps at Newbury (2m) and Chester (2m2) easily in tour-namer race). Unproven on soft surface and sometiming to find Sammann: Pacsed in three Group 3 events at 2m in 1998, Probably unsuited by very soft ground, and did not have to be at his best to beat Raise A Prance is largiff at Haydock on return Sem Scheetian: Impressive 4-length win in Accot Stakes Handloop here (2m4), good to soft) last June. Excellent third in slowly-run French Group 1 but poor favourite in the Cesarewitch Shayat: The of to in 1997 St Lagar Book near best for new stable this term, place in 118 (Jesarewith Shayat: 7th of to in 1997 St Lagar Book near best for new stable this term, place in 112 list-defrace at Kempton and 11141 Group 3 at Newbury Has had nearly all his races on tast ground Spirit Of Love: Easy writter of both races over 2114, first a handicap over C&D in August and second the Cesarewitch at Newmarket (21121 good, by 9 lengths off 89). Existing prospect The Glow-Worm: Only 8th of 9 in 1998 St Legar All other races last two seasons at 11141, but thaped as if would stay further when last-finishing second to Sadian at Navibury 11 days ago

VERDICT: A competitive ranewal Canon Can CELERIC and Sammain are all free and lessed in this grade and Celenc makes some appeal now that he no longer has to carry a Group 1 penalty for his thumbh in the 1997 Gold Cub Several interesting pretenders to Grup-race staying honoristins season include romaway Cesarewitch without Spirit Of Love Royal Ascot without sharingour and San Sebastian and The Glow-Worm who ran such as good race and was rather unbody (checked in his nonlinear and going down by % length to Sadkan over small in the John Porter of Newton. If

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- 20 declared -BETTING: 8-1 Family Man, Great News, Plan-8, Showboot, 9-1 Al Muzilim, Night Of Glass, Salty Jack, 11-1 Grangeville, Thorhee, 12-1 Chewn, 16-1 Mister Rambo, 18-1 Wild Sky, 20-1 others FORM GUIDE

27 74-346 VASARI (23) (L Bermetti VI Naston 5.7 11

Al Mualtim: Sound efforts in top 7f handcaps since 1999 reappearance in August, including third of 25 here to Winne Heart. Shaped well when 2% lengths fifth to Showboat of Newmarker. Plan-B; Won 31-runner handicap at Royal Ascot (fm. good to soft) by \sim length in some style. 13th higher here offer an unlucky second at Newmarket in July and then fracturing a knee Decent efforts in defeat in some top 71 randicaps last term, before rather disapporting late on. Raised Still for last-yeap win at Neumanist on return. Should not well again Consort: Second in handicaps from 71 to 91 last term, notably in the Cambridgeshire (4b high-er hore). Bolted to post when 14th to White Heart over C&D time before. Would not want rain er here). Bolted to post when 14th to Whate Heart over C&D time before. Would not want ran Satily Jack-Progressive last term, with three come-form-behind wirs in 71 handcaps. Sheped reasonably well when 8th to Showboat on return, but Pay Cochrane indee Family Man instead Grangeviller. Temperament doubts after delete at Epson fifth start but dot nothing wrong strei winning 71 handcap at Sandown (good). Sheped well set plenty to do, at Beverley on return Might Of Glassi: Wan five in a row last spring. Mostly ran well afterwards and return to winning ways bolted miniment when third (fib hight hard) to Right Wing in the Luncoin at Doncaster Chewit: Who of 84 (88 here) at Goodwood last Mey in frame times at this course afterwards fat 81 in the Woldingham and at 71 Hampered early and shaped well when severith in the Luncoin.

colfi Missier Rambo: Effective at 61 to 1m, German listed winner last lerm. Good second of 19 to

Marset at Doncaster (8t good to soft) on reappearance. Below form twice on last gound size No Extrast: Back to last wirning mark, from 16-runner race at Newmarkst (7t good) last June Unrefable after 25-1, raced on unfavoured stands side behind Showboat on reappearance Therhea: Ultra-consistent in good fire franciaces last term. Below-form sorth in the Lincoln, but did better in lifth at Newbury 11 days ago 71 booked too short for him on reappearance in 1999 Willd Stay: Has won only one race, in November 1997, but had plenty of good efforts over straight mile last season. Good fifth in the Lincoln Effectiveness dropped back to 71 is debatable. Tarrellor homesisters over tim frout in the Petrancia States here as November 1997, Bas notly once. Tignello: Inconsistent over im flourth in the Britannia Stales here) as 3yo in 1997. Ran only once last term, last of 19 in May, and has since left Geoff Lewis. Also dropped 5b. Best watched Pamilly Main: Catches the sye 4th higher than whon coming with impressive late run to win za-runner race at Newmentor (17, good) in October by Elengths. Promise over 6t on respicearance Just Mick: Fifth in 1997 Britannia Handicay, Unraced in 1998 and a doubtha runner locky dest inter: Led final 11 to win at Linghidu (71, good) in April, finishing wet. Open to progress cond of 20 to Kala Sumise at Lacaster (71, good) in April, finishing wet. Open to progress Gift (01 Gold: Trained by Anthony Kelleway most of last season. Back to lest withing mark, from Linghidu (71, good to firm) in July. Web below form on three starts this para, two of them on Afvir The Downtown Foce Won at Leicaster (71, heavy) 2nd start in 1998 by short head. Out of frame all starts since (including in headgour) but some decent efforts. Hempered early on return Anteroscoss: Fourth in this race in 1997. Has made the running to win once over 71 in each of last has assessment. Month in this race in 1997. Has made the running to win once over 71 in each of last has assessment. Month helps from otherwise in 1998. Evir civit to Kele Survice on pattern. last two seasons. Mostly below form otherwise in 1996. Fair sixth to Kata Sunrise on return Vasant: Now off his lowest ever handicap mark, but without a win since 2yo. Trained last ye by Mick Channon. Some creditable efforts in handicaps, but those were mostly over 6f VERDICT: Very tew can be confidently ruted out. One striking and complicating as-pect of the race as the very high number that are held up for late challenges, among them seven of the top eight in the handicap, the exception, the promising GRANGEVILLE, having made most for his win last term but been held up on all has appearances since. That eight deservedly supply most of the fancied numers, including Plan-B who is unexposed and Niight Of Glass who went close in the Lincoh. Lower down the weights, outsiders No Editors, Gift Of Gold, The Downtown Fox and Vesari are all well handicapped on some 1996 form. Family Man is yet another capeble of a

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4	.10	GARDNER MERCHANT PAVILION STAKES (Listed) (A) \$20,000 3YO 6f Pan Value \$14,265
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4	1	MEDICAN ROCK (8) (D) (Magno-Pulse Ltd) J Toller 8 11
5		MITCHAM (13) (D) (T Miles) T Miles 8 11
6		MIZHAR (USA) (207) (D) (Hamdan Al Maktoum) E Dunton B 11 R Hills 10 108
7		SAMPOWER STAR (9) (D) (Sampower Racing) R Hannon 8 11 Dane O'Nell 1 106
B		TWO CLUBS (186) (D) (S R Hobson) W Jarvis 8 10. Martin Dayer 5 111
9		EMMA PEEL (20) (D) (A E Smith) B Mechan 86 M J Kinane 9 92
10	11320	FLANDERS (211) (C) (Mrs J P Connew) T Easterby 8.6 L Charmock 7 120
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Monkston Point: Progressive just below top grade last term, winding up with 5 lengths Ayr win from Pips Magic and 4 lengths 3rd to Show Me The Money in 5t Group 3 here

Ayr win from Mps. Magic and 4 langurs are to show we the workey in a cross or new (soft). Held by Flanders on Doncaster form
Ace Of Parkes: Three-time scorer last term. Something to find with Two Clubs on 6 lengths 5th of 22 to Pipalong at Redicar (6f heavy) in Oct.
Lionthearted: Easy to back, good turn of foot to beat Sartonal */- length on return in Newmarket 6f maiden (good). Potential big improver and from yard in fine form Mexican Rock: Glocked fast time when beating Cool Temper 8 lengths on Folkestone and a Cooker to improvement and should not be underestimated. debut (6) maiden, sott). Open to improvement and should not be underestimated Mitcham: Smart comeback when last-finishing head 2nd of 15 to Munic at Newmar-ket (6) hoap, good) and set to make very useful sprinter. Looks sure to go close Mitchar: Very Impressive when landing a gamble in strong Newmarket 61 nursery in Oct. Up in grade and something to find, but open to plenty of improvement Sampower Star: Quickened well to beat Qiln 31/e lengths at Windsor (61, good to firm). but is taking a big step up in grade. Something to prove Two Clubs: Steedy improver last term for Julie Cecil, beating Perugino Bay a nack to

ster 61 listed contest in Oct. One to consider Emma Peet: Useful sort, but limitations exposed by Georgette at Yarmouth last term and when beaten 11/2 lengths by Mutaaldod on Leicester 61 return Flanders: Form pick on Group 2 2 lengths 3rd to Bint Alleyl at York (81, firm) in August. Consistent and very speedy, but Skely to find this 6/ a tough test on easy ground VERDICT: MITCHAM appeared to have maintained his progress of last term when narrowly beaten in a strong handicap at Newmarkst, where he was set a massive task from 21 out. He looks open to further improvement and is preferred to the exposed doubtful stayer Flanders and Lionhearted, who is the chosen of three entires from the Gosden yard and looked set for better things on his Newmarket reappearance.

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FORM GUIDE Storm Cry: Encouraging first run for new yard when 2": lengths 4th to Sik St John at Sandown (I'm hoap, good to soft) on Finday, but probably a shade high in weights Stopwatch: Early-season Cork soft-ground meaden winner for forminy Stack and Plumpton hurdle winner last month. Difficult to assess on furf handicap debut here Pas De Memorines: Improved on all-weather lately, but plenty to do at weights on best furform and needs to step up on latest Nempton 8th of 20 to Carry The Flag Indium: Chance on 21/slength Newbury I'm with over Gally Mill in Sept, from 5th higher, Better than placing suggests when 5th of 19 to Nominator Lad on Pontefract return Yeast: Far from the lorde of old and turnibing in weights. 5 lengths 3rd of 25 to Super Monarch at Newmarket (I'm thoap, good to firm) in Oct off this mark. King Of Times: Besten neck in 1998 Lincoln from 9th higher, but disappointing atterwards and little sign of revival in latest 15th of 19 to Bomb Alessa at Newbury Roger Ross: Four-time scorer last term, tatest nerrowly from Therhea over C&D, from 4b lower Goes well on easy surface and his possibles with useful 7to claimer aboard Super Monarch: Chance on easy brackend Newmarket I'm wit from 5to lower and Super Monarch: Chance on easy backend Newmarket Im win from 5tb lower and Fallon booked, but has shown tittle sparkle in two recent turi starts. Participation of the same with the spanie or two recent furl starts.
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Safety Ana: Weighted to go close on Salbsbury firm hosp (good to firm) with over Bomb Ataska in August, but did not show much sparkle on Leicester reappearance.
Broughtons Turmoit: Still smart despits advancing years and 5th higher when 5 lengths 6th to Silken Datisance over C&D in Sept. Possibilities after useful reappearance.

out to seven Learnice over CSD in Sept. Possibilities after useful reappearance Selfair: On a long losing sequence and little promise from around this mark last term. Likely to need all Dettoris skill to bring about a revival Scener Fine ethoris off this mark in Newmarket and Nortingham handicaps last back-end and one to consider after promising 3rd to Topadroi at Leicester this markin Autumn Cover: First-time wither last 2 seasons. Disappointing afterwards but Richard Quinn booking may be significant. Probably best on sound surface
Topton: Disappointed after mid-season Doncaster win last term. Back to form on alweather, but plenty to do here on latest 6th of 17 to Somb Alaska at Doncaster. Kennet: Lingfield al-weather winner in February, Looks held off this mark on latest 6 lengths 7th of 22 to Grinkov at Newbury (trit?) hoap), but shorter trip could help. Mr Majlica: Switched to selling class after Sellsbury claimer win for Brian Meeham last June. Lightly reced since and little obvious chance here.

Indian Blaze: In good form in two non-handicaps over shorter since narrow Foliestone 7f (soft) win from Halmanerror from 4lb lower last month, Possibilities
Marsise Machine: Mack Kinane is eyecatching boolang, but weighted up to best on narrow Newmarket backend win from Ehsbutk, Usually needs time to find her form Hermony Hall: Nottingham maden handicap winner in July for James Panshaw, Not seen out after August and fittle show in two starts this term for new yard.

Bitteel! Indian profest allowanters winner in Newmorker, but the scient for new yard. Ritual: Lincifield all-weather winner in November, but has failed to live up to early promise

on furf and no obvious chance here on recent efforts

Elba Magic Pipon fm2f whiner in August from 2to lower and subsequent smart 2nd
off this mark at Leicester. Struggled on soft at Epsom last week, but possibilities here CarD'Oro: Narrow Nottingham winner last backend from Scene (gave 11b) and good 2nd to Normator Lad off this mark on Ponternact return. Every chance with yard in

The form, but best with plenty of give in the ground.

Tarskit: Little spande in seven ourngs tast season. Probably best watched.

Barren Landes Mid-season Redcar marden winner last term, but right out of sorts alrenwards (tried in binkers). Watching brief probably best.

Lycient: Winner of low-grade Sash and Brighton handicaps last term, but best form on

all-weather and locks up against it here. Turf form only on fast ground.

Internal Affaits: Improved for longer trop when 3's lengths 2nd to Top Jern at Hamilton

tast (force because Mid-top of the first person brief the faster provided). (tm1 incap, heavy). Not out of it if he can handle the faster ground Affahaat: Promise in handlcape at Nottingham and Windsor following a year's lay-off.

Authority to suggest he is back to his form of 1997

Jibersen: Profile all-weather winner, Best furf effort for a while when gambled-on 1% length 2nd to Colestial Welcome at Newcastle (im hoap, heavy) latest. Chances

Artisl Danie: On a long losing run. Best effort for some time when 5 lengths 5th of 18 to Floating Change at Windsor (im hoap, good) latest, but more to do here VERDICT: The ground looks likely to be on the tast side for Cartiforo, so the best bet in a very open contest could be ZURS, who showed himself back to he form of last Autumn when 2nd to Bomb Alaska at Doncaster, He needs to be held up and has the rotal jockey in Ray Cochrane, plus a useful mode draw. Pick of the remainder could be indium, Roger Rots. Scene and Elba Magic.

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2.	40	STANLEY COOKER CHAMPION NOVICE HURDLE (Grade 1) £50,000 added 2m 4f Penalty Value £31,000
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3	.15	PUNCHESTOWN HEINEKEN GOLD CUP CHASE (Grade 1) £120,000 3m 1f £74,400
•	30	DORANS PREDE (F31) (C) (D) (T J Doran) M Hoorgan 10 12 0 A P McCoy
2		FLORIDA PEARL (41) (D) (BF) (Mrs V Olegry) W P Multing 7 12 D R Dummoody
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Ł	-5.5	IMPERIAL CALL (123) (C) (Lesseter Farms) R Hurley 10 1f 8
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BETTING: 5-6 Florida Pegri, 3-1 Dozana Pride, 9-2 Escenteligue, 6-1 Imperial Call, 12-1 Opera

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	211:36	BILLYWILL (42) (D) (Cats & Mice Syndicate) C Roche 5 t2 3
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•	- 121	CANASTA (42) (D) (Southern Brick & Tile Co) M Pitman (GB) 5 12 0 . Mr R Formest
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5	.30	KEVIN MCMANUS CHAMPION HUNTER CHASE \$20,000 added 3m 1f Penalty Value \$12,950
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9	212	JAYWALKER (23) (SF) (E Bolger) E Bolger 5 11 7
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2.30: With very little form to go on, the vote goes to Geoff Wragg's Irish Guineas candidate CASSANDRA GO who had Insinuate and Pearl Barley behind her last time out. Eden and Sweet Emotion have, of course, done nothing wrong in winning their only starts to date.

3.05: The Cesarewitch winner SPIRIT OF LOVE looks sure to make a successful transition to pattern company this season and has to be supported on this first attempt. The Gold Cup distance will suit him better, but, if fit for this reappearance, he should still prove too good for familiar faces Celeric, Canon Can and Samraan. The Glow-Worm showed that he was in fine form in the John Porter at Newbury, but is unproven beyond a mile and a half

3.40: It is 9-1 the field this morning, with a third of the field vying for favouritism. This Victoria Cup looks every bit as open as that implies, but James Fanshawe's FAMILY MAN will take some beating if in the same form that he showed when scooting up in an even bigHYPERION'S

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ger field at Newmarket last October. The Downtown Fox is arguably the best handicapped horse in the field, but hardly the most genuine, and the biggest threats may come from the group of unexposed four-yearolds comprised of Plan-B and the Ian Balding-trained pair Grangeville and Great News. 

4.10: John Gosden had a choice of three entries here, including the Free Handicap winner Bertolini, but opted for his least-experienced option in LIONHEARTED. The son of Catrail showed immense potential when scoring at Newmarket and it will be a surprise if he does not improve considerably. particularly on this stiffer course, Mitcham showed on his reappearance that he has made great strides since his juvenile days and is selected as the main danger ahead of the precocious Flanders, whose best days could easily be behind her after a tough juvenile career.

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## Higgins leaves Lee in a daze

IT IS probably just as well that John Higgins was complaining of tiredness before he got to the Embassy World Snooker Championship because he might have been dangerous if he had been sprightly. As it is those weary limbs are inflicting terrible damage.

The 23-year-old defending champion is so washed out that he managed to whitewash the world No 9. Stephen Lee. the phone last month was noth-8-0 yesterday and, to paraphrase Alex Ferguson, it is going to take a Devon Loch to stop him now as he requires only five of today's 17 frames to

progress to the semi-finals. Lee, from Trowbridge, is sixth in the provisional rankings for next season, but he might have been a no-hoper with a rank corresponding to this season's earnings of nearly £150,000 for all the impression he made on Higgins. A slip and it was over, and not just for one frame but every time be got to the table.

The breaks were remorseless: 69 in the first, 132 in the second, 51, 82, 56, 91 and 63 to bring a remarkable session to SNOOKER

BY GUY HODGSON at The Crucible, Sheffield

been picked up off the floor and carried bleeding by his seconds to the dressing-room, the scoring was 763-181 in Higgins' favour. The pain in the neck Lee has complained of since he strained a muscle picking up ing to the ache inside.

Which was not exactly a surprise, because Higgins also had Mark King contemplating hari-kari with his cue after an 8-0 rout in the previous round. However, quarter-finals are not normally so one-sided and it did make Lee's words, after he had defeated Alan McManus, ring a little hollow.

"This is where you want to start playing well," he said after the 13-7 victory. "But I think I can win the tournament. John has more to lose than me and I'm not scared of him. I have to raise my game, but in the quarter-finals of the World Championship I feel caa close. By the time Lee had pable of doing so." Maybe it was The Crucible because his

not a good idea to rile a man who has not looked the slightest bit fazed by the prospect of becoming the first first-time champion to successfully defend his title at The Crucible.

While Higgins was inflicting his own brand of punishment on table one, it was scarcely less gory in the adjoining match. where Stephen Hendry was 5-0 up at one stage against Matthew Stevens and, perfectionist that he is, probably went to bed grumbling that he only had a 6-2 advantage to take into today.

When Graham Taylor was asked to donate a pearl of wisdom to the next England football manager, he used two words, and not necessarily the ones you would expect. "Don't lose," he replied, and there were echoes after James Wattana had been blitzed off the table by Hendry on Monday night. What advice could he pass on to Stevens? "Just don't miss," the Thai said, and the advice came true in the very first

frame of the afternoon. Stevens was entitled to wear a mask when he arrived at



Ken Doherty gets the low down on a tricky shot in yesterday's quarter-final against Mark Williams Eric Whitehead

rise in the world to 11th, and the great things that are predicted for the 21-year-old Weishman looked fully justified when he quickly rattled up a 59-0 lead. One mistake, though, and

bandit rank of 26 cloaked a Hendry had pinched the frame had not scored a century yet, to feel shell-shocked, but when with a break of 71.

Four frames were quickly accumulated, and by then the only hint that Hendry had not completed the plumbing to tap

On cue it arrived, and at one stage Hendry was heading for the tournament's highest break of 144 until he missed a difficult final red and had to settle for 109. Stevens had every reason

he finally won a frame he celebrated with a century of his own and at one stage it seemed he might even take Hendry to 5-3. Breaks of 39 and 34 ended that.

£23,000 for a Centre **Court seat** 

SPECTATORS WANTING guar anteed seats at Wimbledon into the next millennium were asked to pay £23,150 for a fiveyear debenture yesterday.

The All England Lawn Tennis Ground Plc announced it was issuing 2,300 debentures for the years 2001 to 2005 - 200 more than in the last issue in 1994. The debentures are usually sold in pairs, costing more than the price of a house in some parts of the country. But they might be considered better value when compared to a cost of over

£2,000 for a ticket on finals day. The last series of debentures, for 1996 to 2000, were priced at £19,625. Highly sought-after, they have recently changed hands at around £17,000 each even though they cover only two championships. The income from debentures finances the development of facilities at Wimbledon and around the country via the Lawn Tennis Association.

■ Karol Kucera, the top seed. was forced to pull out of the BMW Open in Munich yesterday hours before his opening match because of tendinitis in Results, Digest, page 25 his right wrist.

## Four-timer for Fallon

KIEREN FALLON recorded an Stakes for her trainer, Patrick 84-1 four-timer at Bath yesterday on Deal Fair, Carhue Lass. Heart and Rada's Daughter.

The Henry Cecil-trained Deal Fair made heavy weath-Tattenham Corner Stakes before getting the better of Cul-Even his owner, Baron Georg Deal Fair would not be good enough to run in the German Derby, though that race may be considered for the colt.

Carhue Lass became the first Irish-trained winner at ning to lift the Listed Lansdown race at Salisbury next month."

O'Leary.

Fallon had also been strongly fancied to lift the Blathwayt Maiden Stakes on Sarangani but the pair had to settle for er of landing odds of 8-11 in the second behind Roger Charlton's

highly regarded Migration. The Khalid Abdullah-owned zean by a length and a quarter. colt is 40-1 for the Derby with Coral after getting the better of von Ullmann, reckoned that Failon's mount by a couple of

Charlton quickly played down talk of running at Epsom. "He holds a Derby entry but I don't think he'll go there. I will have to talk it over with his the hill-top course for many owner. He is likely to step up to years when making all the run- a mile and a half in a conditions

### RACING RESULTS

BATH Going: Soft

2.00: (Im 2t, maiden stakes, 3yo)
1. MiGRATION ......T Sprake 11-4 fav Also ran: 13-2 De Ballioi (6th), 8-1 Prener Slayer (5th), 10-1 Azmah, Kafi, 16-1 Wood-cote Warnor, 20-1 Ashgar (4th), 33-1 Power Hit, 100-1 Dashing, Northwing, 12 ran. 2, 7, 21/r, nk. 4 (R Chariton, Beck-

\$160, \$190, DF: \$580, CSF: \$1185

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Drogle (4th). 5 ran. 11/4, 1/s, 24, 1/s. (H Cecd, Newmarket). Tota: wm \$1.70; places \$110, \$2.50 DF: \$3.50. 

Lyric (5th) 5 ran. 3 1 /4, 5, 2 /4. (P O'Leary, Co. Kildere). Tote: win £3:0: places £1:50, £1:0. DF: £1:70 CSF: £3:29. 3.30: [Im 3i 144yds, (files handicap)
1. HEART _______ K Falion 5-2 fav
2. Misconduct ______ J Quirm 9-2
3. Hill Farm Blues ______ A Garth 13-2
Also: 7-1 Respherry Sauce (#h), 8-1 Phantom Waters, 12-1 Magical Dancer, 14-1
Catocharge Blue (5th), Mary Cut. 16-1
Shanghal LI, 20-1 Beacon Silver, Tu (6th),
33-1 Foxoe Lady, Lateen, Royal Signet,
14 ran. 4, 31/, 31/, 11/, 4 (B Butler, Didcol. Tote: win (420; places £190, £220, £230, DF: £720, CSF: £183, Tricast: £5254, 3.30: flm 3f 144yds, filies handicap) 1. HEART _____K Fallon 5-

4.00. (5), melden auction stakes, 2yo)
1. ROO _______A Nicholts 12-1
2. Mentiga _____M Fenton 5-2 fav 3. Loch Inch ______ A Daty 25-1 Also: 11-4 Bosscat (6th), 100-80 Lord Also: 11-4 Bosscar (en), 100-50 Cord Bankes (5th), 12-1 Cookle, 14-1 Magic Grand, Namaqualass (4th), 16-1 Miss Millennium, Step Up. 25-1 Bossy Spice, Saferi Blues, 33-1 Baby Barry, Chicago Blues, Step Ahead 15 ran. 4, 21h, 1h, nk, 1 (fi Johnson Houghton, Didcot), Tolle: win £16.20; places £3.30, £140, £3.90. DF: £65.00. CSF: £41.37.

rgotten Times ......A Nicholis 20-1 : 4-1 fav Samwar. 6-1 Baptismal Rock Algo: 4-1 fav Samwar, 6-1 Baptesna nuck (6th), 13-2 Piccolo Cathro (6th), 10-1 Vice Presidental, 16-1 Bramble Bear, Pumadas Road, Ritaly Rock Ape. 20-1 Balasila, John y Staczski, Live To Tell, 25-1 Kathles Pet, Miss Dangerous, Tilia, 33-1 Wry Ardour. 18 ran. 1/s, 11/s, hd, 1, hd. (P Gilligan, Newmarket). Tote: win £970; places £240, £360, £240, £490. DF: £77.70. CSF: £71490

Tricast: £90543. 5.00: (tm 2f. handicap, 3yo) 1. RADA'S DAUGHTER _K Fallon 3-1 fav 2. Hathril Khound _____ J Lowe 33-1 3. Brave Vision _____ S Sanders 7-1 3. Breve Vision .... Natalie Jay (6th), 9-1 Rose Hill, 10-1 Odyssey MB Afrique, 50-1 Who Goes There. 12 ran. 3, nk, 21/2, 21/2, 6. (I Balding. Kingsclere), Tota: wn £420; places £140, 26.50, £3.30, DF: £105.90, CSF: £112.73, Tri-

Cast: £614.55. Placepot: £34.20. Quadpot: £13.20. Place 6: £22.26. Place 5: £15.74

NOTTINGHAM

Going: Heavy 2.15; 1. PETIT PALAIS (W J OCornor) 7-1; 2. Lament 14-1: 3. Split The Aces 4-1 lav. 14 ran. 1, 8. (B Mechan, Lambourn). Tota: £440; £200, £460, £200, DF. £6720, CSF; £5273. 2.45: 1. ORIEL GIRL (P McCabe) 9-1; 2. Ameena 11-1; 3. General Klaire 7-2 fav. 13 ran. nk, ½ (M Ryan, Newmanket). Toler £950; £3.10, £4.00, £1.70, DF: £65.00, CSF: 28508. Theast: £362.39. NR: Mystesm. 3.15: 1. BARRINGER (L. Detori) 8-11 fav; 2. Distinctly Well 8-1: 3. Phelaty 9-2. 11 ran, 2, 21/2 (M Channon, Upper Lambourn). Tote: £150; £110, £320, £150 DF: £550. CSF: £7.40.

3.45: 1. MV TESS (K Darley) 23-2: 2. Red

Roses 25-1; 3. Mishor 14-1 7 ran. 8-11 fav Chambre Separes (5th). 11/-; 1/-: (B McMahon, Tarriworth). Tota: £550; £190, £410, DF: £3910, CSF: £12232, NR: Marry Me 4.15: 1. LEAVE IT TO ME (G Duffield) 5-1; 2. Redouble 14-1; 3. Angle Marinle 11-2. 15 ran, 11-4 fav Hadega (6th), rik, rik. (S Woods, Newmarket). Tota: £5.10; £1.90. £6.40, £2.70, DF: £28.10, CSF: £65.11, Tricast; £374.20 NRs: Ace of Trumps, Oregon Dream. Top Of The Charts.

A.5: 1. CLUED UP (JF Egan) 100-30; 2. Ce-lestial Welcome 15-8 jt fev; 3. Top Jem 15-8 jt fev, 5 ran. 3, 3. (P Evans, Welshpoof). Tota: £2.70; £1.40; £2.80. DF: £6.50. CSF: £9.46 5.20: 1. FLYING FLIP (K Darley) 11-2: 2. Kint-7. 2. (B Morgan, Burton-on-Trent). Tota: 07:30; £290, £160, £510. DF: £1460 CSF: £2564 Tricast: £186.68.

Jackpot: £54,350.20 (part won, pool of £32:5082 to Ascot today). Placepot: £22260 Quadpot: £2080. Place 6: £35982. Place 5: £15605.

### **PONTEFRACT**

HYPERION

2.45 Labrett 3.15 Gold Honor 3.50 Jamaican Flight 4.20 Agent Mulder 4.50 Birthday Venture 5,20 Aspirant Dancer (nb)

Venture 5,20 Aspirant Dancer (no)

GOING: Good to Soit (soft in places) STALLS: 2m 51 - centre, rest - inside. DRAW ADVANTAGE: Low best up to rin.

III Left-hand, undulating course.

III Course is in NW of town or A639. Pontetract (Tanshelf) station adjoins course. ADMISSION: Club CN1; Paddock C9; Silver Ring F4. CAR PARK: Third Ring, car with four occupants, £5, plus £250 at jurnisties; remainder free

ILEADING TRAINERS: J L Eyra N-M6 (96%), J Dunlop 12-46 (261%), Mrs M Reveley (2-704 (715%), I Balding 10-45 (222%).

ILEADING JOCKEYS: K Fallon 37-171 (216%), K Darley 29-274 (715%), J Fontune 20-175 (714%), L Dettori 18-78 (243%).

III FAVOURITES: 172-508 (343%)

TONIGUE STRAP: Imad (350): Margaret's Dancer, Lion Cub (450): Typhoon Eight (620).

Typhoon Eight (520), BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Ra Ra Rasputin (520); Shepherds Rest (visored, 350); Protocol (visored, 520). 2.45 EBF NOVICE STAKES (CLASS D) £5,500 added 2YO 5f

3.15 PLACEPOT SELLING STAKES (CLASS F) £3,000 added 3YO 1m 4f

- 9 declared -BETTING: 2-1 Gold Honor, 5-2 Beacon Vale, 5-1 Bold Feliciter, 7-1 Lit-tie Henry, 10-1 King Pen, 12-1 Amsara, Tenby Heights, 16-1 officers

3.50 TOTE MARATHON HANDICAP (CLASS E) £5,000 added 2m 6f

- 14 declared -BETTING: 7-2 Danegold, 6-1 Jamaican Flight, 13-2 Sweet Glow, 7-1 Cara-paign, Shepherds Rest, Mudlarit, 10-1 Imad, 12-1 others

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4.20 TOTE BOOKMAKERS HANDICAP (CLASS D) £10,000 added 6f 4.20 (CLASS D) £10,000 added 6f

1 002:00 PURTHER OUTLOOK (23) D Nutrois 5 9 73 ... K Darley 18
2 12:100 BOWLERS BOY (11) (CD) J 1 Durné 5 98 ... R Winston (3) 8
3 5:0000 PIGEON (11) (D) D Bartes 4 97 ... T Williams 13
4 2000-0 SWIND (23) (D) P E-rars 5 96 ... JF Egan 15 V
5 T0-51 AGENT MILLDER (9) (D) P Cunde 5 95 (Sex) J Carroll 10 B
6 00520 PILADINIS (9) (CD) E ASSEN 5 93 ... W J D Connor 16
7 055530 YOUNG BIGWIG (11) (D) D D Coptron 5 91 ... A Cultisine 7
8 8 MIO-0 MARMAN'S BOY (18) (D) J E-ray 4 90 ... ... O Pears 3
9 0-900 KING UNO (9) (CD) E ASSEN 5 90 ... ... W Supple 17
10 28136- KINGDOM RUEY (147) Mcs. J A Centroin 4 B 12 ... R Price 11
10 00000- BEE HEALTH BOY (188) (D) G Potries 6 8 T ... G Parisin 1
2 21235 MAITEAMIA (21) (D) S R Bourrej 6 8 T ... G Parisin 1
2 10527 COOL SECRIET (40) (D) K Burle 4 8 8 8 ... D Sweemey 12
10 10527 COOL SECRIET (40) (D) K Burle 4 8 8 8 ... D Sweemey 12
10 20530 SAN MICHEL (7) (8F) J L Eyre 7 8 5 ... J Fanning 9
16 -00530 SAN MICHEL (7) (8F) J L Eyre 7 8 5 ... N Day 6 B
17 064-0 MOET (23) (D) J L Eyre 4 8 4 ... ... C Lowther 14
18 05T02 MITTABARI (USA) (19) Ms S Lamyman 5 8 3 ... G Duffield 4 V
18 05T02 MITTABARI (USA) (19) Ms S Lamyman 5 8 3 ... G Duffield 4 V

BETTING: 6-1 Cool Secret, 13-2 Agent Muster, 7-1 Muster, 8-1 Maireans, 10-1 Pleading, Kingdom Ruby, 12-1 King Uno, San Michel, 14-1 others

4.50 DUAL FORECAST CLASSIFIED STAKES (CLASS F) £3,000 added 1m

4.5U STAKES (CLASS F) £3,000 added 1m

1 0-004 GENUME JOHN (14) (D) J Parkes 69 10 ... J Fanning 2
2 420-06 BACHELORS PAD (12) D McDis 59 8 ... JAss Graves 12
3 0-4652 PUTURE PROSPECT (51) (CD) M A Buddey 59 9. J Carroll 5
4 05050 KNOBBLEENEEZE (219) (D) M Channon 99 8. 5 Drowns 9 V
5 020-04 MARGARETS DANCER (12) (CD) J L Eyre 49 8 ... F Lynch 16
7 66000 PREMIAN PURSUIT (215) R Fahey 49 8 ... P Harragan (7) 17
8 40000 RARE TALENT (211) S Colings 59 8 ... ... W J O'Connor 14
9 03000 TABLE IS MONEY (1287) M Tomplars 79 8 ... G Bardwell 18
10 38-060 TORNADO PRINCE (18) E Alston 49 8 ... ... W Supple 19
11 045 BESEECHING (190) J Tober 49 5 ... ... J F Span 10
12 31-4 BIRTHDAY VENTURE (22) 5 Woods 49 5 ... ... G Duffield 4
18 1230 GYMCRAK FLYER (190) (CD) G Holmes 89 5 ... W Wannion (3) 7
10 00060 ALL RIGHTHEIN (22) T Well 3 8 8 ... ... Deen McKeown 15
15 12-40 ASH MILLISHAW (7) R Holmshead 3 8 8 ... ... P M Culm (7) 3
16 0000 LION CUB 23) R McGinn 3 8 8 ... ... Deen McKeown 15
17 16-0 MAN 0F THE MIGHT (23) J J O'Neil 3 8 8 ... ... M Dale Gibson 8
17 106-0 MAN 0F THE MIGHT (23) J J O'Neil 3 8 8 ... ... M Dale Gibson 8
17 106-0 MAN 0F THE MIGHT (23) J J O'Neil 3 8 8 ... ... M Dale Gibson 8
17 106-0 MAN 0F THE MIGHT (23) J J O'Neil 3 8 8 ... ... M Cultivre 1
19 4305-0 SCOOP (14) (C) S Kettlewell 3 85 ... ... ... R FizzPatrick (5) 6
19 4061red - BETTING: 5-1 Bachelors Pad, 6-1 Margaret's Dancer, 7-1 Gyrocrak Flyer, 8-1 Birthstay Venture, 10-1 Scoop, 12-1 Knobbleensezo, 14-1 others

5.20 TOTE CREDIT CLUB HANDICAP (CLASS E) £5,500 added 1m 2f

60-00 PROTOCOL (72) (D) Mrs S Lamyman 5 10 0. C Reague (d) 7 V 3030 EMPIRE PARK (14) T Eastedy 4 10 0 ... J Carroll 14 45040 DIAMOND FLAME (11) (D) P Hams 59 13 ... G Duffield 60-00 STAR MANAGER (15) R Spices 99 10 ... K Darrier (d) 13 10111 SWFT (21) (D) (GF) M Polyase 5 9 10 ... K Darrier 16 0060-1 LEGAL SSUE (12) (C) D) B Rothward 79 10 ... R Winston (3) 18 2020 SWARDSHAWANG T 11 (C) N Mrs. M Readley 79 9 D MicKenne 2 

## **CHELTENHAM**

HYPERION

5.25 Moving Earth 6.00 Mely Moss 6.35 The Malakarma 7.10 Mickthecutaway 7.45 Cream Supreme 8.15 Pro Bono

GOING: Soft (Good to Soft in places).

ILeft-hand course with stiff fences. Uphili run-in of 240yd.

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ILEFADING TRAINERS: M Pipe 49-348 (141%). D Nicholson S-248 (141%). N Teriston-Dervies 22-234 (84%), Mrs. J Pitman 16-81 (198%).

ILLEADING JOCKEYS: A P McCoy 48-194 (24,7%), M Williamson 39-184 (201%). R Dumwoody 34-220 (15.5%), M A Fitzgerald 22-181 (12.7%).

23-181 (2.17-6).

# FAYOURITES: 223-581 (39.8%).

TONGUE STRAP: Highway Five, The Malakamia (635); Halham Tam, Whisting Buck (815).

BUINKERED FREST TIME: Shull's Star (5.25), Whisting Buck

5.25 HORACE BAHTUN & SON MENTER CHASE (H) 52,500 2m 5f HORACE BARTON & SON MAIDEN

2-12 BROWN ROBBER (P2) MrS Seathers 11 20 JMrT Dennis (7)
PPOOP CASTLE WARROR (P11) J Dennis 72 20 JMr N H Officer (7)
SSF-2 FELLOO (P25) J Taylor 10 20 JMr R Burton (5)
2-P55 GAYSUN (18) M Bodick 7 120 JMr R Burton (5)
P-10-14 GUNNER JOHN (P25) B Lievellyn 8 12 D JMr J Suung (7)
P-10-14 GUNNER JOHN (P25) B Lievellyn 8 12 D JMr J S Lievellyn
P-19-19 ROCCAPADE (8) Mrs F Gddssorthy 9 2 D JMr J D Moore (9)
PPSP-3 JOHNNY COOL (10) R E Gray 9 2 D JMr B R Foster (7)
tmp KERRY SOLDIER BLUE (8) (67) R W A Price to 2 D JMrs R 9

- 15 daclared -BETTING: 9-4 Moving Earth, 11-4 Migs O'Grady, 5-1 Kerry Soldier Blue,

6.00 PERRIN & ROWE CHAMPION HUNTER CHASE (H) £6,000 3m 2f 110yds

6.35 WINNING POST AT CHELTENHAM HUNTER CHASE (H) 26,000 4m 11 P-IPLP APPLE JOHN (11) A Writing 10 124 ...... Miss P Gundry (5) 29-Pb1 OVERFLOWING RIVER (P17) J Wade 10 12 4. Mr T Glass (7) 

-1F121 MULLYHENRY (17) Mrs P Tizzard B 12 0 ..... Mr M G Miller (5) 

7.10 BOWRING CHAMPIONSHIP HUNTER CHASE (H) £4,000 3m 1f 110yds

2-3211 KEEPER'S CALL (23) (D) F G Mishim 7 12 7. Mr C Mushail (5) 2-3211 KEEPER'S CALL (23) (D) F G Mishim 7 12 7. Mr C Mushail (5) 72240 DETROIT DAVY (P22) D W Celes 8 12 0... Mr P Williams (7) 72240 DRY Hall LAD (18) D Ibboson 8 12 0... Mr M Kent (7) 3/5796 EMERALD KNIGHT (7-10) F Harriery 9 12 0. Jahr H carkey (7) 2-2mt GUNNEH WELBURN (22) Mr C Bailey 7 12 0. Jahr R Cope (7) 17213 MCKTHECUTAWAY (P11) H Delton 7 12 0... Mr R Buston (5) 7/5701 MISTER OME (17) C Tezzerd B 12 0... Miss S Vickery (3) 7-4451 SCUTHERN FJGHT (P25) K Currings To 12 0 Miss J Currings (7) 8/516 SPRINGHILL QUAY (17) (D) S Clark 10 12 0...Mr R Clark (7) 9 9 declared -

-9 declared -BETTING: 2-1 Gunner Welburn, 7-2 Keeper's Call, 9-2 Mickineculaway, 6-1 Dry Hill Lad, 10-1 Meter One, 12-1 Springhill Cusy, 16-1 others

7.45 COLIN NASH UNITED HUNTS HUNTER CHASE (H) £3,000 added 3m 1f 110yds

- 7 declared -BETTING: 9-4 Cream Suprema, 5-2 Hill Island, 5-1 Stretchit, 13-2 Archies Oats, 6-1 Muntati, 10-1 High Guardian, 16-1 Rusty Fellow

8.15 FRIENDS OF HUNT SERVANTS HUN-TER CHASE (H) £3,000 2m 110yds

34-315 PRO BONO (40) (CD) W Caudwell 9 12 7 ..... Mr A Sar

-21 declared -BETTING: 9-4 Chism, 9-2 Tommys Webb, 6-1 Northern Bluff, 6-1 Hal-hara Tara, 10-1 Pro Bono, 12-1 Delight, 14-1 French Buck, 16-1 others

### **EXETER**

HYPERION

2.15 Silent Guns 2.50 You're Agoodun 3.25 Defendtherealm 4.00 Ambleside 4.30 Tonka 5.00 Cento GOING: Soft (Heavy in places).

GUNG: SOR (Heavy in Jace's).

Right-hand, undulating course. Shift lest of stamina.

Course is 5m SW of Eleter on A38. ADMISSION: Grandstand.

8 Paddock CH; Silver Ring CS. CAR PARK: 12 on raile; rest free.

LEADING TRAINERS: M Pipe 62-287 (23.2%), Miss H Knight.

34-136 (25%), P Hobbs 34-146 (23.3%), R Frost 23-174 (12.2%).

LEADING JOCKEYS: R Durwoody 35-114 (30.7%), A P.

McCoy 29-162 (17.9%), J Frost 20-137 (14.6%), C Maude 17-102.

16.7%). I FAVOURITES: 189-531 (375%). TONGUE STRAP, Pot Blackbird (2'5), BLINKERED FIRST TIME-Stlent Guns (2:15); Oneanthreequariers (3,25), Clan Ross (visored, 2:50); Thunderpoint (visored, 3,25).

2.15 BODMIN SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS G) £2,200 added 2m 1f 110yds -56020 RON'S ROUND (22) (BF) M Pipe 5 12 0 ... S Wynne 82PG-P PERFECT PAL (15) M Coombe 8 17 9 ... Miss M Coombe P4880 SUMMER FLOWER (7) (0) Mes Z Davison 9 10 12. Mr A Intime (7)

2.50 EXMOOR 'NATIONAL HUNT' NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,000 2m 7f SOZITIP MASTER RASTUS (14) Mrs S Williams 6 ft 13 ... W Marsio 927P MASTER RASTUS (14) Mrs S Williams 6 11 13 W Masston RS27h YOU'RE AGOODUM (14) (D) M Ppc 7 11 Ts R Greene B PQP-6 BOOZYS DREAM (23) N Thomson 8 11 1 ... R Belasmy M6462 CROOKEDSTONE (15) K Balley 7 11 1 ... R Winkley M/D IN THE ROUGH (19) J Old 8 11 1 ... G Sternikh (5) Q Tormay M/D IN THE ROUGH (19) J Old 8 11 1 ... G Sternikh (5) PLOP-4 ROYAL VALOR (23) G Balding 7 11 1 ... G Sternikh (5) PLOP-4 ROYAL VALOR (23) G Balding 7 11 1 ... B COfficial C 92/2 The HALL HAS MOVED (70) (97) Prototo 6 11 1.86 D Official (5) G P/D TIRLEY LEADER (15) J S Smith 10 11 1 ... O MicPhail (5) 0 000 C CLAN ROSS (6) P Prototo 6 10 10 ... P Hosley V

3.25 GREIG MIDDLETON NOVICE HANDI-CAP CHASE (E) £5,000 2m 7f 110yds F300P THUNDERPOINT (11) Miss K George 7 in 2... J Mogistrat (7) V 13-502 JOY FOR LEFE (15) (0) A Stronge 8 in 4... Mis S Stronge (7) 45-51 J DEFENDINGREALM (26) (C) R Frost 8 in 1 ... J Frost F1030P ONEANTHRECUMRIERS (42) (0) P Ecotes 7 in 1 ... Dunick 8 G-F0-2: CARMEL S JOY (11) T George 10 in 0 ... R Westery 462-23 DUNNICKS VIEW (8) F Licker 10 10 5 ... S Burrough 7-2P9-23 CACALAL KING (68) (D) K Birdor 7 in 0 ... R Greene 2P9-256 HELLO ME MAN (22) B Lievellyn 11 10 0 ... F Kenlny (7) 305-FP EASY OVER (56) (D) Miss D Thomas 13 10 0 ... J Goldstein (3) -9 declared

- 9 declared -BETTING: 2-1 Detendinerceim, 11-4 July For Life, 11-2 Omarithreequarte 6-1 Carnel's Joy, 7-1 Dumecks View, 16-1 Thunderpoint, 20-1 others 4.00 RACING CHANNEL HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS D) £6,000 added 2m 1f 110yds 

4.30 GREIG MIDDLETON HANDICAP HUR-DLE (CLASS E) £4,000 2m 3f 110yds 

5.00 DARTMOOR CONDITIONALS NOVICE H'CAP HURDLE (E) \$3,000 2m 1f 110yds

FIRST SHOW

Δ	SCO	t 3.	.05		
	C	H	L	5	1
Spirit Cli Love	4-1	7-2	72	7-2	7.2
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## **Phillips** pursues a dream ending

From Baldock to Budapest, the latest England attacking hope has earned his chance today. By Glenn Moore

Comes, Sean Bean plays a non-League player who goes out with his mates on the eve of a trial for Sheffield United. The following morning Bean wakes hungover, smelling of booze and with a stripper in bed beside him. To the delight of his jealous father, who had goaded him into the night out, he fails the trial.

Kevin Phillips' father was my feet on my ground in my non-League days," said the "She's not been well for sunderland striker of Ray about three weeks," said Phillips yesterday. "My mates were ringing me up on a Friday night saying: 'let's go out', and he was saying: 'you've got I got called off the pitch during a game tomorrow". It was only a warm-up to be told she'd non-League but I wouldn't have done myself justice if I had been going out."

Phillips dedication will be rewarded today when walks out to play in the England attack against Hungary at the Nep Stadium. The story of his progress, from playing fullback for Baldock Town and stacking shelves for Dixons, is even more far-fetched than the plotline of When Saturday Comes - which eventually saw Bean lead Sheffield United to victory over Manchester United in an FA Cup tie.

IN THE film When Saturday suddenly three years ago, will not be present to see his son win his first cap. Kevin said yesterday: "It hit me very hard but I'm sure he'll be looking down at me. He would be very proud."

Kevin Phillips' own emotions are tinged with relief. At the weekend it did not seem as if he would even be travelling to Hungary as his 17-month-old daughter. Millie Ann, was made of better stock. "He kept rushed to hospital with suspected meningitis.

Phillips. "We took her to the game on Saturday, which was the first time for a while, and come over all lifeless."

Phillips. who pulled out of Sunderland's match to go to hospital with his daughter. added: "It was scary, I thought I was losing her, she had a penicillin injection straight away but, thankfully, it was just a virus. I've been phoning home every couple of hours but she's

Freed from anxiety over his daughter. Phillips is now looking forward to the biggest step of a remarkable career. Hertfordshire born and bred, he joined Southampton as a



Kevin Phillips, who cleaned Alan Shearer's boots at Southampton, prepares for his England debut today Empics

usual story: "they said I was too small to play up front" - then released at 18.

The nearest he had got to the first team was cleaning Alan Shearer's boots. When they met up again at the team hotel on Sunday Shearer, who will partner Phillips in attack tonight, said to him: "You can come up and clean my boots after training.

Having told Chris Nicholl. the then-Southampton manager, that he "would prove him wrong". Phillips went to Baldock where he initially struggled to adapt to playing men's football. He finally

from Ian Allinson, the former Arsenal striker, who was Baldock's manager. "He said we were strug-

gling for centre-forwards and had I ever played there? I scored two goals the next day and never looked back." In another twist the match

was at Burnham, just down the road from the England team hotel at Burnham Beeches. Les Ferdinand, then in the England team, had come along

In the meantime Phillips supplemented his £180-a-week at Baldock with a variety of jobs. He worked at Sunblest, at

Dixons. When Watford came in for him he took a pay-cut. Two vears later Sunderland paid £325.000 (since increased to £670.0001 for him. Playing alongside Niall Quinn, whom he once watched as an Arsenal fan on the North Bank at Highbury, he has scored 53 goals in 79 appearances despite a bad injury this season.

One of the goals was at Wembley in last season's promotion play-off and, although the penalty shoot-out defeat to Chariton left him shattered he had at least settled one family score, "Karen, my little sister, had played at Wembley

This season has brought a First Division championship medal and now an England cap. Phillips. 25, seems unaffected by his call-up and both determined and intelligent enough to take advantage of it. He is taking a big step up from the Nationwide League but he added: "Tve always believed in my own ability, this is a fantastic life and if you put

the work in you get rewards." "He excites me." the England coach. Kevin Keegan, said. Tm not going to build him up because he has nil experience at this level but. watching him in training. I

Irish back Uefa ban on Yugoslavia

IRISH FOOTBALL officials yes- BY STEVE TONGUE terday welcomed the call by foreign ministers of the European Union for an end to sporting contact with Yugoslavia. That recommendation adds to the pressure on Uefa, the game's European governing body, to throw Yugoslavia out of the European Championship, just as it did before the 1993 finals.

Such a move could only benefit the Republic of Ireland, who lost 1-0 in Belgrade last November in a match postponed for a month because of the political situation there.

Four other Group Eight matches in Yugoslavia, Croatia and Macedonia have subsequently been put off and the Irish have been pressing Uefa for a decision on whether either Yugoslavia or Macedonia will be able to fulfill their fixtures in Dublin early in June.

An announcement is due on 11 May but could now be brought forward. Bernard O'Byrne, the Football Association of Ireland's chief executive, said: "I always felt it would be a United Nations or European Union edict that would persuade Uefa to act. The most straightforward interpretation of this decision is that Yugoslavia will be removed from the competition. We hope that Macedonia are treated fairly as they are victims in all of this."

The Republic of Ireland manager, Mick McCarthy, preparing for his side's friendly at home to Sweden tonight, said: "It's unsettling because the lads have been asking what's happening and it's impossible to give them an itinerary for the summer."

Meanwhile, he is ploughing on in his phlegmatic way, accepting that five drop-outs from the original squad is fewer than might have been expected at this stage of the season. Derby's Lee Carsley became the fifth terday with an ankle injury.

in Dublin

One man's withdrawal is another man's opportunity, however, and David Connolly, Mark Kennedy and Stephen Carr are among those hoping to benefit. All three will start tonight, Carr for the first time. For Connolly, who is due to return from Wolves to Feyencord but knows he has no future there, it is a particularly good chance to put himself in the shop window.

Potential purchasers should note that he comes with a promise of satisfaction from McCarthy, who said: "He looks sharp as a tack. His record for the Republic speaks for itself. He needs to get a move and. whoever he plays for, I guarantee he'll score goals."

Connolly will partner Niall

Quinn in attack. Robbie Keane and Damien Duff are being rested after their exertions at the World Youth Championship in Nigeria, so Kennedy comes in on the left.

Jesper Blomqvist, one of the few United players declared fit for international football this week, will feature in a strong Swedish side. With a five-point lead in their group over England, whom they beat 2-1 in September, Sweden see a game against opposition drawn largely from the Premiership as perfect preparation for the re-turn at Wembley on 5 June. Scotland's player of the year,

Henrik Larsson, will play although his club-mate Johan Mjallby, Coventry's Magnus Hedman and Arsenal's Fredrik Ljungberg have all withdrawn.



# rish back Brown is Brown is ugoslavia wary of wounded Germany

BY COINCIDENCE, the German and Scottish squads who tonight square up on the park BY PHIL SHAW are also facing each other across a park, their respective hotels separated only by a lake and some opulent greenery. But the similarities end there Germany go into their friend-

ly match with Erich Ribbeck able to field something resembling his strongest line-up, yet under pressure to provide further evidence that the midwinter defeat in the United States was not symptomatic of a deeper malaise. Craig Brown can reel off an entire side, complete with substitutes, comprising players unavailable to Scotland in the Weser Stadium, but is confident that the occasion will not develop into a damagelimitation exercise.

Brown is frequently accused of deliberately lowering expectations for the national team. Yesterday, however, the Scotland manager found himself in the peculiar position of "talking up" both his own makeshift team and the Germans.

Addressing the mood of pessimism concerning Scotland's prospects of reaching next year's European Championship finals, he pointed out that they have lost only to the Czech Republic since last summer's World Cup. "Admittedly, we weren't bugely convincing in the other games, but no team can effect a transition as massive as we've been through without suffering a bit."

Moving on to the challenge iosed by the European champons, Brown argued that even tonight's under-strength Scotland side would be superior, "man for man", to the Northern Ireland and Finland teams beaten by the Germans a many's 38-year-old libero, month ago. He had studied a video of their 3-0 win in Belfast ternational goals (not to menand considered it unimpressive, two of the goals having Scots' leading scorer is Billy een somewhat fortuitous.

That said. Brown remains an avowed admirer of the balance between technical excellence and physical durability in German football. A close friend of the former national coach. Berti Vogts, he readily admitted that Scotland's customary 3-5-2 formation was modelled on the German system. "The game here isn't in crisis," Brown said. "Bayern Munich have reached the European Cup final with a team that's mainly German. We also see the likes of [Oliver] Bierhoff and [Jorg] Heinrich playing at the highest level in Italy, so I don't buy that argument."

The scheduling of the fixture has been criticised, coming as it does ahead of a weekend of important club matches.

in Bremen

Brown, taking the inclusion of Bierhoff and three Bayern players in Germany's team as evidence of how seriously the hosts regarded the game. argued that it was actually a welcome test. "It's excellent for us because you don't learn anything from playing weak teams.

"Germany are a better side than Bayern, so we're talking about a level of football that's beyond the experience of some of our players. Their top guys either play in the Bundesliga. Serie A or the English Premiership, the three best leagues in Europe, and two of the top scorers in Europe, [Ulf] Kirsten and [Michael] Preetz have to settle for a place on the

European Cup-Winners' medal with Borussia Dortmund before returning to Scotland, also viewed reports of Germany's demise as exaggerated. "Peo- in the fixture's long history. ple talk about there being no new players breaking through," said the Celtic midfielder. "But Möller, Kohler, Sammer and Reuter are no longer around, so that's not right. Scotland will almost cer-

tainly break with convention and play 4-4-2 in the hope of countering Germany's wide attackers. Scot Gemmill, who was in the Euro 96 and France 98 squads without kicking a ball in anger, receives a long-overdue opportunity. His colleague in Everton's midfield, Don Hutchison, is expected to start for the first time, operating as a striker. Revealingly, Ger-Lothar Matthäus, has 22 intion 134 caps) whereas the

Dodds with three The genial Ribbeck, meanwhile, has warned his players that the hostile reaction provoked by their failure in Florida will be as nothing compared with what they can expect if had begun as "nonsense", but they lose tonight. He added that he preferred the role of underdogs, but that does not come with the territory - least of all at home to a scratch Scotland XI.

Scotland XI.

GERMANY (1-24-3): Labranan (Borussia Dormund): Matthiaus (Bayern Munich); Moveray (Bayer Levertursen), Worns (Paris St-Germain); Strumz (Bayern Munich); Hamanan (Newcastie). Jeremies (Bayern Munich); Heilarich (Florentina); Neswille (Hansa Rostock), Bierhoff (Milan); Heider (TSV 1860 Munich); Scotland (44-2; probable); Sullivan (Wimbledon); Weir (Everton); Headry (Rangers); Boyd (Celtic), Davidson (Blackburn); Johnston (Sunderland), Derrant (Kilmamock); Lambert (Celt.), Germall (Everton); Dodds (Dundee United), Hutchison (Everton).



## Security fear at Old Firm game

Paul Lambert, who gained a SECURITY OFFICERS at Celtic and Rangers will meet later this week to finalise arrangements for what is potentially one of the most hostile Old Firm derbies

Rangers have the opportunity to seal the title at their rivals' Parkhead home for the first time if they win on Sunday, an outcome which would have huge security implications.

Already the Scottish Premier League has stressed there is no prospect of the trophy being presented to Rangers at Celtic Park - that would wait until their following home game, against Hearts. Rangers' security officer,

Lawrence McIntyre, has raised the issue of where players not involved in the action should sit. fearing they might be subject to abuse if based in the main

His Celtic counterpart, George Douglas, has confirmed that given the sensitive nature of an already high-profile fixture, special arrangements might well need to be made in conjunction with the police. He said: "We will be having a formal meeting with police in which security at the match will be discussed and the agenda of what we will be covering at that meeting is fairly full.

"It has happened before that

players from the opposing side have been seated in the away section, but I cannot speak for the police who may have their own views on what should happen on the day this time.

"The Old Firm game is quite different from all other matches and brings its own pressures. but both clubs are well-rehearsed regarding the operation which needs to be put in place and every issue will be ad-Tosh McKinlay will treat the

match as if it is his last but has no intention of it heralding the end of Celtic's title ambitions. The Scotland international defender is determined that

Rangers will not secure the title this weekend, even if he has to score to make sure. Remarkably, during his long Celtic career, which may well come to a close this summer, McKinlay has never scored.

Speaking at a coaching session for youngsters from ethnic minorities at Tollcross, in Glasgow, McKinlay outlined Celtic's will to win. Although he collected a slight calf strain during last weekend's 1-0 defeat at St Johnstone, McKinlay expects to be playing on Sunday with his captain, Tom Boyd, suspended from the backline.

He said: "I hope I can be okay because it would be a

right one to miss. Everyone at the club is still quite confident going into the game on Sunday. Despite last Saturday's loss there is no pessimism because we have clawed it back a long way and hopefully we can claim the three points and take our

McKinlay endured a frustrating time under Celtic's previous head coach, Wim Jansen, who plainly never rated the player, but Jozef Venglos has judged him differently. The 34year-old has justified the Slovakian's faith by combining defensive nous with creativity on the left since his call to emer-

chance from there."

## Ireland have no luck

Republic of Ireland Under-21 0 Sweden Under-21

STEPHEN GRANT'S luckless finishing summed up the misfortunes of the Republic of Ireland's Under 21 side in Birr, Co

Offaly, yesterday.
The Stockport striker, who began his career with the Irish junior club, Birr Town, had several chances after he came on as a 63rd-minute substitute, but those he did put on target

A Swedish substitute, Jonas Wahlstedt, showed him the way with a double strike in the second half to confirm the Republic's defeat by a visiting side who were sharper in most departments than the patched up home team. The Republic's coach, Ian Evans, had lost Kevin Kilbane and Steve Finnan to the senior party for today's full international.

Patric Andersson shot Sweden into the lead after 24 minutes. The Irish defence seemed to have dozed off in the warm spring sunshine when Eric Edman slanted a right-wing cross into the goalmouth for Frederik Berglund. His shot deflected off Andy O'Brien for

Andersson to score with ease. The Irish youngsters worked hard but lacked the subtlety to unhinge the Swedish rearguard, although Alan Mahon did waste an inviting chance two minutes before the break when set up by Neale Fenn.

The Republic were punished for that lapse within 10 minutes of the interval when Tobias Linderoth's cross was deflected over the head of the goalkeeper Derek O'Connor for Walhistedt to slot the ball home. Grant's chances came and went seconds from the end Wallerstedt put the finishing touch to Sweden's victory. REPUBLIC OF IRELAND UNDER-21: O'Connor (Bradford Park Averue): Worrell [Dunder Utd), Barry-Marphy (Cork City),

## Ferguson's list of two Riot angers Ronaldo

ready approached Ajax's Edwin Van der Sar.

The Manchester United Sar's claims that transfer talks admitted that there are now only two names in line for the role. Mark Bosnich, who is likely

to leave Aston Villa on a free transfer under the Bosman ruling this summer, could be one of them and he is once again being strongly linked with a return to Old Trafford.

Ferguson said: "I've not made my mind up about a goalkeeper, although there are two we're thinking about. When the time comes to announce a goalkeeping replacement, we will

place his goalkeeper Peter Watkins, had also poured cold "I'm not aware of anything of that nature," he said.

Van der Sar has made no semanager dismissed Van der cret of his desire to leave Aiax and join United. He has made his feelings known to the United defender and Dutch international team-mate Jaap Stam, who has championed his cause with Ferguson.

While it is likely that Ferguson would be interested in Van der Sar, he is presently under contract and Ajax would want a fee of around £5m for one of their few remaining stars.

The Dutch national keeper. in a friendly against Morocco in Arnhem today, is likely to announce his intention to leave Ajax after the Dutch cup final

ALEX FERGUSON has revealed be a safety of two to rechester United director, Maurice fortuna Sittard.

Earlier yesterday a Manna on 13 May when his side face RONALDO YESTERDAY hinted statement deploring the fans always be confirmed by the he might consider leaving Information for the might consider leaving Information for the

quoted in England yesterday as saying he had already been approached by United among others. Lazio, the Italian Serie A leaders, are among the other clubs believed to be interested in him.

Ajax confirmed they expect to discuss Van der Sar's future with the player next month, "We are expecting him to speak to the club and the trainers, and then reach a decision," a spokesman for the Dutch club confirmed.

Ajax say Van der Sar, who is under contract until July 2002, who is set to earn his 37th cap has had talks with the board in the past week or two. If he went he would leave Ajax without a single current Dutch international on their books.

Van der Sar, a member of the ternazionale if the club's angry at players' cars. "Violence... is ian said that he accepted being heckled after last Sunday's 3-1 home defeat by Udinese but that the violence which fol-

> Ronaldo's car was hit by a bottle as he was leaving the San Siro Stadium. His parents, sister and nephew were also in the car but no-one was hurt. "I can accept the whistles, they may have even been justified on that occasion ... since I and the whole team played horribly against Ildinese. But what really hurt was the attempted as-

sault as I was leaving the stadium," he told the Gazzetta

dello Sport. "In this climate of tension and fear, somebody could decide to leave Inter." Internazionale issued a

the Cardiff International Arena on 5

June. However, the identity of his op-ponent has not yet been finalised. Frank Warren, the promoter, said the

WBO had ordered the Australian Rick Thornberry and Bristol's Glenn Cat-ley to contest a final eliminator, with

CRICKET

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (First day of four): Southampton: Hampshire 390 for 7 (M Keech 167, J 5 Laney 81; M Broathwst 5-93) v Kent.

FOOTBALL

Dundee United's profits collapsed by almost 80 per cent during the 1997-98 season. The Tannadice Park club made £139,112 – a drop

of more than £400,000 on the pre-

John Martin, Airdrie's veteran goal-keeper, has announced his decision to retire at the end of the season.

Martin, 40, made 767 appearances

in a 19-year career with the Dia-

the winner to face Calzaghe.

gans fortunately are not representative in any way of Inter fans as a whole. We share and lowed in Milan was intolerable. ness. He, as captain and point for Inter's future," the club said.

SPORTING DIGEST

Ronaldo was speaking from Spain, where he is set to play for Brazil against his old club Barcelona tonight. It will be his first appearance for his country since Brazil lost the World Cup final to France last summer. yet thought of leaving In-

future is something that is planned day by day, experience after experience. And every good intention must

Meanwhile, Ronaldo re-Schmeichel, but yesterday water on Van der Sar's claims Ajax side which won the Euro- fans repeat attacks against him absolutely unacceptable. The mains the highest-paid player denied reports that he had al- that they had approached him. pean Cup in 1996, was widely and other players. The Brazil- club points out that a few hooli- in the world, according to a survey by France Football magazine. The World Footballer of the Year in 1996 and 1997 will understand Ronaldo's bitter- earn about 55 million francs (£5.52m) this season, the publeader, represents the starting lication said. This includes a monthly wage of Fr2m, plus a Frim bonus and Fr30m francs in advertising revenues.

The Manchester United midfielder David Beckham is second in the standings with Fr29m (£2.9m) just ahead of the French playmaker Zinedine Zidane (Fr28.5m) and the Italian Ronaldo said that he had not striker Christian Vieri (Fr27m)

The only player in the top 10 ternazionale but added: "The list to have missed the World Cup is the PFA player of the year, David Ginola, who is ranked sixth with Fr13m

## Bowyer may escape ban

LEE BOWYER, the Leeds United midfielder, was yesterday given hope of a reprieve by the Football Association ahead of his disciplinary commission hearing at Lancaster Gate tomorrow.

Bowyer faces the possibility of a two or three-match ban after receiving 11 bookings for the season, all of which have er Dacourt, the Everton midcome while on first-team duty. fielder, a warning and a £2,500

England under-21 internation tingham Forest's Alan Rogers al then he could be out for the trips to West Ham and Chelsea accruing 11 yellow cards. and the home game with Arsenal. With the season drawing Haaland, went before the comto a close, however, Bowyer mission at the end of last may escape as the FA have apmonth, and the Norwegian inparently been employing a de-

est centre-back Paul Hart, now

director of youth coaching at

the City Ground, is interested

Recent speculation has

linked Roy Evans, Sammy McIl-

roy and David Moyes with the

post which will be vacated

when Atkinson, 60, retires next

But with Forest commencing

their search for a successor.

the club's manager.

month.

gree of leniency in recent cases. An FA disciplinary office spokesperson said: "It's possiwarning. A lot of players have been getting that lately, but otherwise it's more than likely to be a one-match ban."

Last week the FA gave Olivi-If the FA clamp down on the fine for 14 bookings, while Notwas ordered to pay £2,000 after

Another Leeds man, Alf Inge

Hart keen on Forest role

sibly I will be an underdog. But

if Nottingham Forest were to

ask me, then my initial reaction

would be to show a great inter-

est. I would see it as a great priv-

Sheffield Wednesday are still

optimistic that they can entice

the Spanish striker Dani to

Hillsborough. Wednesday re-

cently had a club-record £5m

bid accepted by Real Mallorca

for their star forward, whose

But reports claim Dani has

real name is Daniel Garcia.

ilege to be in that position."

game suspension and a £2,500 fine for 11 bookings. A similar punishment would mean ble he could get away with a Bowyer missing only Saturday's match at Unton Park. After being withdrawn from

> the England under-21 squad for yesterday's game with Hungary due to a hamstring injury sustained in the 1-1 draw against Manchester United on Sunday, sitting out the London trip will give the 22-year-old the chance to make a complete recovery. Of the other injured Leeds

> players, Alan Smith (calf) and Harry Kewell (thigh) were back in training yesterday, while Ian after bruising his kidneys.

rejected Wednesday as it is be-

lieved he would prefer a move

to Arsenal while Newcastle

are apparently also in the run-

ning following a bid worth £10m.

Danny Wilson, who has been

searching for a quality striker

since taking over the helm

last summer, said: "We still

have to hope we can entice

him to the club. At the moment

we've not heard anything from

Mallorca (regarding the latest

speculation). Until we do,

we're not giving up hope."

Wednesday's manager.

RESULTS YESTERDAY

FOOTBALL

UNDER-21 INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLY Rep of Irl (0)....0 Sweden (1).....3 1,800 P Andersson 24 Wahlstedt 55, 90 (at Town Ground, Birr, Co Oftaly) UEFA UNDER-15 CHAMPIONSHII Group B: England 2 Sweden 1 AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION Pirst Division: Portsmouth 2 Swindon 1

> MONDAY'S LATE RESULTS

Nationwide Conference: Leek Town 2 (Agana 2 Morgan 57) Weiling 4 (Trebble 21, Hanlon 30, pen 86, Rowe 60), Rushden & Diamonds 4 (De Souza 4, Collins 38, Brady 44, Cooper 84) Forest Green 0 Postponed: Hednesford v Kingstoman

Ryman League Premier Division: Carshalton 1 St Albans 1. Dagenham & Redbridge 0 Chesham 0 Second Di-vision: Banstead 1 Barking 0 Dr Martens League Premier Divi-sion: Atherstone 0 Boston Utd 0 Southern Division: Chelmstord 1 St Leonards 1

UniBond League First Division: Radcliffe Borough 3 Droylsden 2 North Western Trains League First Division: Clicheroe 1 Nantwich 3. Prescot Cables 4 Glossop North End 1; Vauxhall GM 1 St Helens 2.

Arnott Insurance Northern League First Division: Newcastle Blue Star 3 Stockton 0 Interlink Express Midland Alliance Bridgnorth 0 Rocester 1: Pelsall Villa 3 Stangabill 2

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Pontins League Premier Division: Aston Villa 0 Liverpool 1; Blackburn 0
Stoke 0; Everton 3 Burmingham 0.
Leicester 2 Nothingham Forest 1, Sunderland 2 Preston 1 First Division:
Wolves 3 Barnsley 3, Second Division:
Wolves 3 Barnsley 3, Second Division:
Newcastle 2 Shrewsbury 0, Sheffteld
Utd 0 York 0; Stockport 6 Blackpool 1
Third Division: Carlisle 0 Rochdale 1

Avon Insurance Combination First Division: Brighton 2 Crystal Palace 0, Chelsea 2 Peterborough 0, Ipswich 5 Gillingham 0: Northampton 1 Southampton 0, Wycombe 2 Aisenal 0, Postponed: Reading v Millwall Portugeuse League: Rio Ave 0 Gui-maráes 1, Chaves 1 Salgueiros 1

Scottish Claymores have signed the former London Monarchs safety

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Tony Watkins to act as cover for the injured Joe Rowe for their match against Frankfurt at Murrayfield on Sunday, However, wide receiver Sunday. However, wide received Michael Jenkins (shoulder injury), cornerback Terry Billups (back) and guard Eric Moss (hamstring) are likely to miss Sunday's game. BASÉBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Minnesota 6 Boston 2. Anahem 4 Toronto 3 (11 mangs); Cleve-land 5 Ookland 4 (10 mangs); Detroit 7 Seat-tle 0

BASKETBALL NBA: New York 91 Charlotte 84; Miami 90 Clewland 65, Houston 102 LA Jakers 80; Dal-tas 101 Checago 93; Milmankee 99 Wash-ington 91, Phoemi 99 Utah 85; Portland 93 Denver 73 Golden State 114 Sporamento 89; San Antonio 94 LA Clippers 88.

BOXING Joe Calzaghe will make the next de-fence of his World Boxing Organi-sation super-middleweight title at

GREAT BRITAD TRANSMING SOLIAD: B Barnes, Maspreet Rochar, S Mason. M Pearts. J Wyate (all Reading), G Fordilam (Hourstow), T Bestram (Bourwille), G Con-er (Hazen), R Gardel, Householder, Ham-burg), B Gerrard, J Wallis, (both Seddington), S Triggs, S Haad, D Ludess (all Earl Cri-stead), B Crascaley, J Halls, J Pidocok, B Sharpe, J Lewis, M Johnson, A Houghrey (all Canock), C Gilles, B Wheels, D Whoods (all Southgate), D Hall (Gulforn) all Eng-land. P Edwards (Canock), D Macker (Canterbury), G Egan (Bournelle) at Wiles, L Dockerty (Frankhurt 1880), P Melloe (Krange), C Whood (Mein Zwitserland, The Hague) all Scortand. regue; an SCORNAL GREAT BRITAIN SCUAD (v Japan 19, 21, 22 May, Hawant HC): 5 Triggs, D Math-eurs (Conterbury), B Barnos, J Wyatt, R Todd, H Hossids, Wampreet Rochar (all Read-

ATIOT NEWS CHALLENGE (Atlasta) Men's singles, first reason! J Stotlenberg (Aus) bt P Goldstein (US) 6-6-1, M Chang (US) bt G Pozzi (It) 6-46-2; M Larsson (Swe) bt J van Herck (Bel) 6-3 6-2; S Sarguan (Arm) bt C Woodnaff (US) 6-4-6-4; M Flipponi (Uru) bt P Korda (Cz Rep) 7-5-6-1; M Woodfortle (Aus)

NHL STANLEY CUP Play-offs: Eastern Conference: Carolina 3 Boston 2 (Carolina lead best-of-seven series 2-1); Toronto 2 Philadelphia 1 (Foronto lead series 2-1), West-RUGBY LEAGUE

ICE HOCKEY

MONDAY'S LATE RESULT: Northern Ford Premiership: Brambey (6) 18, Dembury (6) 17. Brambey: The D Gibbors. A Gib-bors. MacDonald: Goals Simpson 2 Dems-bury: Tries: Ball 2. Earon, Goals Eaton 2: Drop Ago: (974) SNOOKER

EMBASSY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP (Sheffield) Second round: 5 Hendry (Sco) by J Wattania (Thai) 1-7: 5 Lee (Engl bt A McManus (Sco) 13-7: Quarter-finals: J Hig-gins (Sco) leads 5 Lee (Engl 8-0 (motch re-sumes 10an hoday): 5 Hendry (Sco) leads M Stevens (Wal) 6-2 (motch resumes 2 30pm) TABLE TENNIS

Yugoslavia have been banned from all European competitions next sea-son because of the crisis in Koso-vo. The ban includes national teams and all Yugoslavian club sides which have qualified for different European Cups.

Retail Corp. 6-4 6-0; N Tauziar (1rt) & Elchovisea (Rus) 6-4 6-1.

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I Bracun (Croa) 7-5 6-3; R Sanda (Rom) bit A
Cochectur (Fir 6-4 7-5; M Diaz-China (Arg)
bit I Krizan (Sloven) 2-6 6-0 7-6; C Moraria
(ISS) bit R Kucerowa (Cr. Rep) 6-2 6-4; C
Iorren-Ralero (Sp) bit B Schmatze (Aut) 6-2
6-4; S Pittowesia (Fr) bit J Husarova (Slovak)
6-2 6-2; J Kostanic (Croa) bit K Srebotnik
(Sloven) 6-4 1-6 6-2; S Klemova (Cr. Rep) be
A Grahame (Aus) 6-3 6-7 7-5; C MartinezGranados (Sp) bit L Alli (Bit) 7-5 6-0; S Talaia (Croa) bit C Cretea (Rom) 7-6 7-6.

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(Durtam & Cleveland) bit N Van Den Hurk
(Neth) 7-5 6-2; H Crook (Essen) bit B Nuer
(Auf) 6-0 6-2; L Combes (Fr) bit N Payne (NSco)
6-3 6-2; A Zaporozahova (Ukr) bit A Tord
(Kent) 5-7 6-3 6-2; M Losey (Swit; bit K
Karmer (Ger) 6-0 6-1; h Koukakova (Cz Rep)
bit E Lebescond (Fra) 6-2 6-2; K Mraz (Fr) bit
1 Dawson (Sussen) 7-6 6-3; H Colin (Surrey)
bit K Warne-Holland (Dorset) 6-2 6-4; J
Moore (Warnwick) bit S Sirnon (Ger) 6-0 6-3; B Karperschil (Fr) bit J Hawcova (Cz Rep)
3-6 7-6 6-1; I Smith (Surrey) bit A Keothavorg
(Middy) 6-4 2-6 6-3; T Musgrava (Aus) bit H
Matchews (Berks) 3-6 7-5 6-3

### TODAY'S NUMBER

The age of two girls who will fight for a British Thai boxing title. Bolton's Laurelle Fitzsimmons will meet Imman Barlow from Leicester at Horwich Leisure Centre on 9 May. A new weight, Atom, has been

invented for them.



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PASCOE'S BIGGESTARURDLE PZO PERONCOS' ROCKY PATH TO STARDOM P21

## McManaman free to prove point

A STADIUM full of ghosts will this evening be infused with the spirit of youth. By design as well as necessity Kevin Keegan, for his second match as England coach, has chosen a team which could make the Nep Stadium the launchpad for several international careers. Two players. Wes Brown of Manchester United and Kevin Phillips of Sunderland, will win their first caps while a clutch of others have opportunities to grasp.

Prime among these is Steve McManaman, who has been given "a free role" by Keegan. England appearances, especially in the last match against Poland, McManaman is running out of chances to prove he can

BY GLENN MOORE

in Budapest

impose himself at this level. Others looking to seize the moment will be international novices Rio Ferdinand, Phil Neville, Nicky Butt and Tim Sherwood. Behind them David Seaman,

winning his 50th international cap, will form the base of a spine which runs through Martin Keown and David Batty to Alan Shearer. The mix of youth and experience ought to be pitch. While it is impossible to After 23 largely disappointing enough for England to avoid losing to a Hungarian side struggling to live up to a glorious past. the great Hungarian team of

However, while keen to win,

formances that would ensure them a place in the team for the brace of Euro 2000 qualifiers to be played in June. "Opportunihas been the coach's theme this week and the approach fits in perfectly with the local mood. The prime minister is 35 years old and his government is pre-

pared to rebuild Hungarian foot-

ball by underwriting a joint bid

with Austria to stage the 2004

European Championship. After a decade of failure there is also progress on the enter the great bowl of the Nep Stadium without thinking of Ferenc Puskas and Nandor

squad has only one player over 30 and is mainly composed of 25-

Although under Bertalan Bicskei, the 10th coach this decade, they have lost once in 12 matches, Hungary trail Portugal and Romania in their Euro 2000 qualifying group. Their most prominent players are Gabor Kiraly, the goalkeeper, who is said to be interesting Arsenal, and the playmaker Bela Illes.

Keegan's team should have enough tacklers in midfield to swamp Illes but there could be problems on the flanks, where he expects Hungary to play with two wide men. This could put considerable pressure on Brown

pected to provide width for the England attack. Given that neither players are regulars at club level their brief is a tough one, particularly for Brown whose recent return to the first team has been in central defence.

"He is good enough to play in a variety of positions," said Keegan of the 20-year-old who breaks Gary Neville's record as England's least-experienced cap. Brown has only played 15 first-team matches for United. four of them as substitute, one fewer than Neville when he made his debut in 1995. Michael Owen, incidentally, had played 26 times for Liverpool when he

first played for England. In midfield. Butt will hope to

show he is the natural successor to Paul Ince while Tim Sherwood will seek to build on plenty of possession. a promising debut against Poland last month. Keegan hopes they will be supplemented by Rio Ferdinand stepping out from a defence which

has three players aged under 23.

The bulk of the creative responsibility will fall on McManaman. Keegan said he has "great faith" in the Liverpool player and that he hopes he has now come to terms with the turmoil surrounding his summer move to Real Madrid. He will certainly never have a better opportunity. A poor crosser. it has always seemed a waste to have his dribbling and shooting

seeing individuals produce per- here 45 years ago, the current and Neville, who will also be ex- maintain his fine club form to ability stuck on the wing and, with Butt, Sherwood and Batty behind him, he should receive

"Macca has got to be a free spirit," said Keegan. "Ask him to do a specific job and he'll try but it takes so much away from him. The way we are going to play will allow him the freedom to express himself. Any player who can go past people and create things you have to look at, because they are special. I'm also sure he feels he has some-

thing to prove at this level." Despite the friendly status of this international Keegan expects the opposition to be enthusiastic and will demand the same of his own side. "Every game matters," he said.

"Even when we went to a place like Hong Kong at the end of the season and some players could not be bothered I always thought there are people here who have paid money to watch me'. It is important to perform." ENGLAND (4-3-1-2): Seaman (Arsenal): From (Man Utcl), Keoran (Arsenal), Feddinand (Mest Ham), P Nedile (Man Utcl). Sherwood (Tottenham), Batty (Leeds).

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England have agreed to

donate £50,000 to a Kosovorelated charity, split between the players' pool and the FA.

Phillips pursues dream ending, page 24

Hidegkuti who beat England 7-1

Room with a view: The new press facilities at Lord's, likened by some to a spaceship on stilts, was officially opened by the MCC's president, Tony Lewis, yesterday

### THE WEDNESDAY CROSSWORD

by Columba

**ACROSS** Care order (6) Favour bird with sauce (8) Stomach lost blood - now 25 Stagger, bringing second 6 sadly in ruinous state (10) 10 Reluctant to use rake. only half committed (4)

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11 Fortune, without delay, Danes initially plundered (8) 12 Heroic hospital drama returns - it has all the ingredients (6)

13 Wine - after while, it will be all over (4) 15 Bath back, lock and prop (8)
18 Battle beginning for

bluestocking against naughty hemline (8) 19 Share quantity of

water (4)

Colour Print, St Albans Road, Watford

batsman (6) 23 Careless novel rewritten in secret (8) cask (4) 26 Remarkable china in-

cludes grouping of fowl, duck and people (10) 27 Lookout, posted in east, 8 getting left behind (8) 28 Losing head, went and hit catch (6)

**DOWN** 2 One with time before emerging as a heavenly 17 Turtle, not altogether woman (5)

Liberal one after reform, not a revolt (9) Go and start to explore city, getting so endlessly absorbed (6) 21 Ring Lord's about new 5 A fair knockout? (6,9)

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Real racket where the Minotaur was (8) What could cause internal discomfort? Some broccoli could (5)

Article with hint concerning appetiser (9)
Preservative sailor cherished (and soldiers)

16 Mean salesman enters improperly (9) speedy, caught by seabird (8) Blue flash on flower (6)

Way of expressing terrestrial composition? (5) 24 Climber in a fix on the way up (5)

## Spaceship takes off at Lord's

THE OPENING of the new NatWest media centre at Lord's, designed by Jan Kaplicky and his wife, Amanda Levete, has turned this cricketing corner of NW8 into a veritable gallery of bold architecture. A triumph of both form and function, it offers up to 200 journalists a stunning vantage point that should remove the need for educated guesses - of whether Bloggs was undone by an off-break or an arm ball - to be made.

As the latest of several stunning new buildings that have appeared at headquarters over CRICKET

BY DEREK PRINGLE

the last decade, and with women now allowed to join the club. few can doubt the MCC's willingness to embrace the new. Indeed, as Levete herself put it: "The MCC are obviously visionaries, having given the job to a bloody foreigner and a

The giant curved structure, which many have already likened to a spaceship on stilts, was in fact inspired by cricket equipment. According to

looking at bats and batting hel-

Most may find that a difficult mental leap to make, but Kaplicky is a Czech who managed to get out when the tanks rolled into Prague during 1968. Staring down the barrel, especially if it is 85mm, tends to make you view things in a different way.

Built at a cost of £5.8m, approximately half of which was owes much to aircraft technology and the use of aluminium and glass. At first sight many may consider it slightly garish

Kaplicky, the idea came after standing directly opposite the Victorian pavilion, finished in 1890. However, Kaplicky felt that, too, would probably have been considered bold for its period, particularly the large windows of the Long Room.

For once, though, Tony Lewis, the president of the MCC, was probably speaking for the majority when he paid tribute to the building. "We believe this architecture is a sigbut up by NatWest, the building nal for the country and it complements a ground where every cricketer in the world

## Aussie players face the beer facts

THERE IS sobering news for BY DAVE HADFIELD Australia's sozzled rugby league players. Clubs are to test for blood alcohol levels after a series of incidents have shown that their highly-paid athletes just cannot hold their drink.

The latest revelation, that the Australian Test captain, Brad Fittler, who admits to being a "none or 100 beers drinker", was dumped unconscious outside a police station by a taxi driver after a harbour cruise that left him unable to remember his address, follows a series of other booze-fuelled

embarrassments. Before the season started, four North Sydney players were fined after a nightclub brawl in Wagga Wagga while South Sydney's Julian O'Neill was suspended and given counselling after trashing a motel room.

The Penrith hooker, Craig Gower, was dropped from the Test side after dropping his trousers in public while the Manly winger, John Hopoate, already in trouble after a late-night punch-up, was said to have turned up drunk for training.

The incidents could not have come at a worse time for rugby league, which competes against Australian Rules, football and rugby union for players, supporters and sponsors.

John Brady, the spokesman for the National Rugby League, said that the Fittler incident would be investigated along with the others.

The League has penalties in place if needed," he said. "Some chubs aiready have blood alcohol testing at training."

executive ruled out a complete Dermott, and the Wigan hooker, alcohol ban. "Prohibition hasn't worked ever," Neil Whittaker said. "We're not talking about enlisting an army of people to continually catch players out The game is being let down by a reckless few who are taking all the kudos away from what's

happening on the field. "It's not an issue unique to rugby league, but like other issues we intend to get on top of it. Players must realise they are role models for thousands of people and should adjust their behaviour accordingly."

The game in Britain, often condemned by Australians as being played by pot-bellied forwards too fond of their beer, has, by comparison, been having a quiet night in, although the Great Britain internationals, passes off peacefully

However, the League's chief Bobbie Goulding and Brian Mc-Jon Clarke, have all faced recent assault charges over separate alcohol-related incidents.

At the other end of the scale St Helens' teetotal coach, Ellery Hanley, imposed a complete ban on alcohol for three weeks over Easter. Saints are currently top of Super League.

Cricket's drink problem. meanwhile, centres on spectators rather than players. Recent one-day matches between West Indies and the touring Australians have been disrupted by fans. Sussex are to operate a strict no-alcohol policy when South Africa play India in the World Cup at Hove on 15 May. The county is taking all possible measures to ensure that the game, already a 6,500 sell-out,

## Former Rover returns to Inter

By Alan Nixon

ROY HODGSON, the former Blackburn Rovers manager, was yesterday appointed technical director at Internazionale until the end of the season. The Italian Serie A side arthounced that the 51-year-old Hodgson would work alongside Luciano Castellini, who was appointed as caretaker coach in March after the resignation of Mircea

Hodgson has already had one successful spell with Inter at San Siro from 1995 to 1997. and knows Castellini, who was the caretaker coach after Hodgson resigned towards the end of

the 1996-97 season. Hodgson will try to salvage what has been a disastrous season for last year's Uefa Cup winners. They are ninth in the league, 10 points behind the leaders, Lazio. Regardless of success, Hodgson will hand over the reins to the former Juventus coach Marcello Lippi, who will take charge next season.

Everton's attempt to sign their one-man relegation defier, Kevin Campbell, on a permanent contract may be thwarted by West Ham or

Sheffield Wednesday. Campbell is in negotiations over his future with the Goodison Park club after scoring six goals in the last three games while on loan from the Turkish side Trabzonspor However the Hammers' manager, Harry Redknapp, and Wednesday's manager, Danny Wilson, are keen to step in and are waiting to see what price is agreed be-

tween Everton and the Turks. Campbell wants to join Everton after Walter Smith rescued him from Turkey, where he had been described as a "discoloured cannibal" by his club's president. Everton are struggling to find the fee to buy him. A deal would cost around £3m as Trabzonspor try to claw back some of the money they paid Nottingham Forest for him.

Campbell's wages, also in the £30,000 a week bracket, could be a major stumbling block, although he may take a cut to avoid going back to Turkey. The Hammers and the Owls are both looking for a goalscorer and could find the money for-Campbell

Liverpool have put David James up for sale at f2m James' availability and price was made known to clubs yesterday and a move is likely to be swift as his Anfield career is effectively over.



Hodgson: back in Italy

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# BUSINESS REVIEW

## LIFFE AFTER DEATH

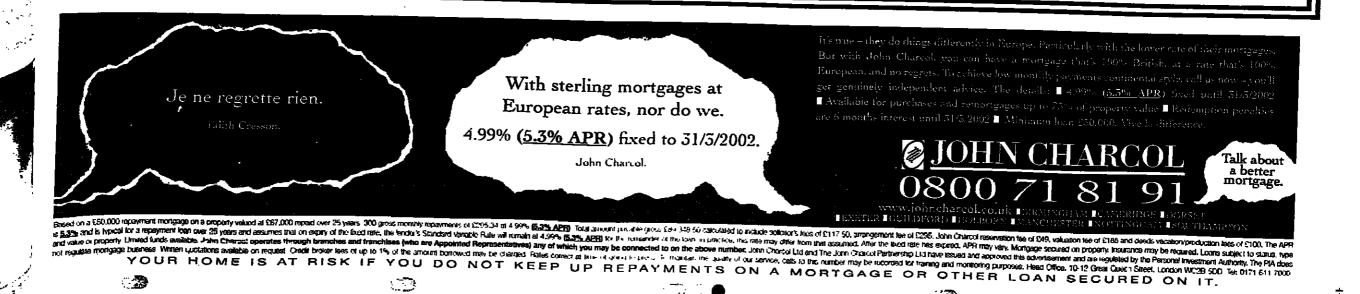
HOW BRIAN WILLIAMSON HAS GIVEN HOPE TO THE LONDON FUTURES EXCHANGE



Inside: The Welsh Wizard who cast a spell on Sony, 4 How Lara Croft made a man of Charles Cornwall, 5 A toast to the brewer's brewer, 6

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Forme Rover retum to Inte

## Telecom mergers begin to border on a frenzy

ITS MERGER mania in telecoms. Well, it's merger mania in several other sectors too, including oil, autos and financial services, but the revolution in the structure of the global telecommunications industry has a special urgency unparalleled elsewhere.

Indeed, the changes in ownership are coming so bewilderingly quickly that it is quite hard to grasp what the new structure of the industry might be in, say, 10 years' time. It is still harder to figure out the social and economic consequences of such rapid change.

The jumble of information, plans, ideas and rumours has become particularly tangled over the last few days. There are big, straightforward deals such as the bid by AT&T for MediaOne, or the earlier take-over by Vodaphone of AirTouch. There are big. amorphous deals such as the tie-up between AT&T and BT on the one hand and Japan Telecom on the other. And there are big, nightmare deals such as the proposed Deutsche Telekom/Telecom

I don't think I can recall any other

proposed liaison that has attracted the "marriage made in hell" label the Internet boom means that telequite so swiftly, and it would be astounding if the deal were to go through, let alone be a success. But the very fact that people come up with deals that ignore the cultural dimension in business, shows the fury of the tempest that is sweeping across the industry.

Let's try to sort out what's happening. There are, I suggest, four quite separate elements to the telecoms revolution.

First is deregulation/privatisation. An industry where structural change has been held up by a combination of regulation and state ownership is cramming 10 or more surge in mobile communications years of restructuring into as many

Second is a rapid fall in the cost of production, brought about mainly by the switch from copper to fibre looking at each of these factors. optics, but also by other changes such as the falling cost of satellites. Third is the development of new technologies, which have turned mobile communications from a niche market into a mass one.

And finally there has been a

phony will, in the space of one decade, shift from being a medium for transmitting speech to one for transmitting data.

The changes are related. For example, the pressure for deregulation has come largely from the changing pattern of demand and the development of mobile communications. The surge in demand could not have been accommodated had there not also been a technical change, which created much more supply.

But the forces for change are separate. There was, after all, a before the medium switched from analogue to digital. So in thinking through the new structure of the industry you are best to begin by

Regulation: it is hard to see any significant barriers remaining for long, because the competitive nature of the business is such that ways will be found to get round them. For example, while national phone monopolies may notion



**HAMISH MCRAE** 

An industry where structural change has been held up by a combination of regulation and state

ownership is cramming 10 or more years of restructuring into as many months

prices of fixed-line connects remain stream cut away. out of line, users will switch to motechnology is racing forward.

So the barriers to restructuring won't be regulation or ownership but rather culture and language. You can see this already. The barriers to the German/Italian tie-up and how many people in which country are going to be sacked?

Next, the falling cost of producing a telecommunications sertransmission charges has hardly begun. Calls anywhere in the world are already effectively free on the as pre-paid phone cards from the Internet for example.

Consider what has happened to the hotel telephone. Hotels have traditionally charged large sums for using the phone by the bed - but GSM technology means we now use our mobiles instead. Even the premium for mobility will disappear, and as it does it is perfectly possible that voice traffic will transfer almost entirely to mobiles. If

ally remain, they won't matter this is right, the industry is going much in competitive terms. If to see much of its present revenue

Within a decade telecommunihile, where costs are plunging and cations will so cheap that we won't even think about them. If that is tough for the industry, it will also be fascinating in social and economic terms for the rest of us.

Mobility: at the moment telecom groups that are primarily fixed-line are cultural: who will run the show are larger than those that are primarily mobile. It is at least plausible that this will change, and that having a line into a home or office will cease to be an advantage. Havvice: here, I believe the collapse in ing a billing relationship may even cease to matter, for if prices come down enough we may buy our calls

> We know that users like mobility, so there ought to be some premium for it. What we don't know is how large that will be and whether a purchase relationship will be more appropriate than a billing

Finally, data traffic: yes, it will carry on its explosive growth for several years, maybe a genera-

tion, before it too becomes a mature business, and yes, there will be some money in carrying the data because the volumes will grow so rapidly. But this is a commodity business, not a high-value-added one, so the money will be made only by groups that are globally the lowest-cost producers. The inevitable result will be many more global mergers and partnerships.

What are the structural implications of all this? I don't think it is possible to do more than guess at the appropriate structure for the industry 10 years hence, except to say that the companies will have to strive to be either low-cost giants or clever niche players. Look, for example, at the motor

industry. The barriers in the path of the trend towards this motor industry model will be cultural and national. To what extent does a country accept the idea of its communications being provided by a foreign multinational? If the motor industry is any guide, not much. Maybe the problem with that German/Italian job is that it is about a decade before its time.

### DATELINE: VIENNA, AUSTRIA

## Danube trade is the latest casualty of war

FOR A shipping man, Herbert Petsnig is spending an inordinate amount of time dealing with trains tomers back from the railways.

The managing director of Austria's main shipping company. DDSG Cargo, has a big problem. Nato's bombing of bridges over the Danube in Serbia has sent tons of rubble into the water, blocking the river and and 1994 and we lost a lot of cusmuch of his business. Of Mr Petsnig's tomers then. We have worked very 152 boats, more than 60 have been hard to win them back but now it stranded around Novi Sad in Yu- seems as if we could lose them oslavia: 33 are in Romania. 13 are in Hungary and 18 are stuck without cargo or anywhere to go in Austria and southern Germany.

going until the end of fighting allows the river to be reopened. This involves expensive operations in Hunthe ships and on to trains and trucks. It costs three times more to transport goods by rail than by river, and seven times more to take them by road. At least 20,000 tons of grain, animal feed and other agricultural products have already been transferred to trains, but all the coal and iron ore is still stuck on barges

in Romania. "You can certainly say it has been a terrible month," said Mr Petsnig. "And it is likely to be a terrible year." Daily losses are running at over 1m schillings (£50,000) from the blockage, "I expect May to be at least. as bad as April," said Mr Petsnig. "It will not improve for as long as the bridges are impassable. Then it be- Danube, the ore is now being transcomes a question of getting cus-

BY HANNAH CLEAVER

Transport on the river is more environmentally friendly and cheaper. but the fear among customers is that this sort of thing could happen again. It's very, very difficult. There was a UN blockade between 1991 un. He said ne leared inere was little reason to hope business could be turned around at all this year. The clearance of the river itself could His priority is keeping business take at least four months, he said.

The company has already reached the stage where jobs are at risk. "Of the 180 jobs on the ships. gary and Romania moving goods off at least a third are seriously endangered," said Mr Petsnig. The next few weeks will see a reduction in the company's fixed costs, meaning wages. "Or we can wait until the company goes under and then there will be a lot more redundancies all at once," he said.

Mr Petsnig is not the only man in Vienna with serious concerns. The Austrian Chamber of Commerce reported last week that the country's five biggest companies were losing 5m schillings (£250,000) a day. Industrial giant Voest-Alpine Stahl, the country's main steel producer, needs 150,000 tons of iron ore each month. most of which comes from Ukraine. Rather than being shipped up the ported by rail, said a spokesman.

Conversations between those in the shipping business are already turning to the question of who will finance the clearance of the river. Mr Petsnig fears he and fellow shippers will have to foot the bill. "The Yugoslavs will say, 'We didn't destroy them', so it will be up to us to pay for it. he said.

Danube countries have already accepted that Yugoslavia will be in no financial position to rebuild the bridges itself - and certainly not within the Commission of 10 countries with strong interests in the river ended a week-long assembly in Budapest. Hungary, last weekend by agreeing that member states snould help to clean and clear the Yugoslav section of the river. But the commission, now headed by the Austrian representative Hannes Porias, said it would expect to work closely with international organisations and financial institutions when restoring the Danube.

If nothing else, the member states have time; the bombing shows little sign of abating. Nato planes hit targets in Novi Sad this week, reportedly making the last Danube bridge impassable for lorries and trains.

The Danube has always been one of the most important waterways in Europe. Traffic peaked in 1987 at 100 million tons but declined after the break-up of the Soviet Union and was further hit by sanctions against Yugoslavia during the Bosnian war. By 1994 annual traffic had fallen to 19 million tons. The river stretches from southern Germany, through



Businesses all along the river Danube have suffered from Nato's destruction of bridges in Serbia

through Slovakia, Hungary: Croatia, Yugoslavia. Romania, Bulgaria, Moldova and the Ukraine. Ships and barges take grains and soya from west to east, passing loads of iron ore and coal going the opposite way. The latter makes up the lion's share of the traffic - an economic lifeline to emerging economies in the former Eastern Bloc.

River transport has received official encouragement from politicians keen to reduce expensive and environmentally damaging lorry traffic. Before the latest fighting, analysts had predicted growth in

Austria and then south and east Danube traffic of 1.5 per cent per year for the next 15 years.

A big share of this would come from emerging economies east of Vienna but these are the areas most badly affected by the blockage, and the ones that can least afford the dip in trade. About 65 per cent of Bulgaria's exports are transported on the river. Moving the cargo - most of it bulky minerals and fuels - by road and rail has already cost the country an estimated \$6.3m (£3.8m).

In Romania, the Transport Ministry reported that broken contracts on stranded vessels could cost \$2.8m a month, while the country's largest

shipping company. state-run Navrom, said it stood to lose about \$25m this year from the loss of Danube traffic. The fear is that if the river is not reopened soon. Romanian trade will become utterly uncompetitive. A statement from the Industry Ministry says exports could become almost impossible because of a four to seven-fold increase in

transport costs. The problems for Vienna are immediate rather than long-term. As one of the richest countries in Europe. Austria can afford to lose a few million US dollars a month while the Danube is blocked. And although this

and probably next year are likely to be bad ones for DDSG Cargo, Mr Petsnig said the longer-term future for Janube traffic remained bright. "If the clearance is fast and effective we could win our customers back on to the water. The roads and railways are increasingly busy and the waterways still have great potential for transport. But the next two years -

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will be very, very difficult," he said. The biggest concern is not the temporary loss of Danube shipping but the fear that the vulnerable emerging economies from which Vienna and Austria profit could be seriously damaged by the blockage.

### A WEEKLY DIGEST OF THE WORLD'S FINANCIAL PRESS



**BUSINESS WEEK** Comment on the enthusiasm over the resurgence of Asia's economies

GROWING EUPHORIA over Asia's economic rebound is starting to echo the exuberance of the days just before its crash. Stock markets in Hong Kong and Seoul are nearly back to their all-time highs. The message is that Asia is "fixed" and we can all pick up where we left off nearly two years ago. Wrong. The critical regulatory and economic reforms needed to sustain a rebound are only half-done. Unless they are completed, hopes of reviving double-digit growth are misguided. Thailand has bottomed out. Indonesia remains a political powder keg. And Malaysia has imple-

mented little economic reforms. The strength of Asia's two biggest economies - Japan and China - is also in doubt. The IMF expects Japan's economy to shrink again in 1999. Meanwhile, China's economy is being kept afloat by enormous public-works spending. With state enterprises shedding millions of workers, exports weak, and its banks in trouble, it for the self-aggrandising coup that this China is struggling to maintain growth.

- Editorial comment



THE ECONOMIST

On the proposed merger between Deutsche Telekom and Telecom Italia

THIS DEAL should not go ahead. And there remains a good chance that it will not. There is much to negotiate between the firms, and the competition authorities in Europe and America will want to study the merger closely.

The Italian government has a golden share, giving it a right of veto over such momentous decisions. But the real choice rests with the German government, which still owns 74 per cent of the privatised company.

Like many of Europe's recently privatised monopolies, Deutsche Telekom is neither fish nor fowl. It is a private company and thinks like a branch of the civil service. The government's instinct to entrench the firm's independence by seeming to stand back is understandable. But for the majority shareholder to pretend neutrality in a bid like this would be a mistake. If the government simply votes its shares the way that Telekom's managers ask it to, the board will have total power. That is a recipe

merger represents. - Editorial comment



FINANCIAL TIMES The South African Mining group Anglo reorganises its operations

THE POINTS for investors to focus on are mercifully simple. In the short term there may be a scramble for stock as the new Anglo looks bound to join the FTSE 100 Index in late June. The share are tightly held for a FTSE stock; over 50 per cent is owned by De Beers and Oppenheimer interests. Yet the company will carry its full weighting in the

index and no new shares are being issued. More fundamentally the argument for mining shares is that the metal prices must be somewhere near the bottom of the cycle. And South Africans are are rated well below their North American counterparts. But there are good reasons for a discount, at least in Anglo's case. Although its platinum strength is a plus, the diamond market is rigged and opaque. And even if South Africa surmounts its political and economic problems, recovery in the rand would squeeze Anglo's margins. Buying of the old Anglo shares in Johannesburg has been voracious recently: the shares are 75 per cent above their year end level.

- Editorial comment



BARRON'S Analysis are pondering the revival of interest in industrial cyclicals

AT SOME point over the next five year the US economy may falter. But the setback is likely to be short-lived, and the long-term expansion that began in 1982 should persist. And over the same time frame the economies of the rest of the world will be

in much better shape than today. That scenario for the global economy seems more plausible than any other - far more so than the thick gloom that pervaded the analyst community only six months ago. And it perhaps best explains the sudden

revival of industrial cyclical stocks. Analysts have been reluctant to view the the industrial cyclicals as buying candidates. And to get back to bleak reality, while earnings have generally been looking better for these stocks one must bear in mind that almost acress the board earnings are projected to be flat to lower for 1999.

So it may be premature to start buving these stocks. But timing is always a fine art and, especially with a five-year outlook. it's better to be too early than too late. Gene Epstein, staff writer



**FORBES** 

There is European hostility to US bids to buy up asset-rich companies

A MONTH ago Guy Wyser-Pratte arrived with his wife at Paris' Charles de Gaulle airport on a routine business trip from New days. Last year foreign firms spent a York. They were stopped at customs by record \$6.9bn (£4.3bn) acquiring Japanese brusque officials who held them for half an | companies; a sixfold increase over 1997, achour in a bare room and went through | cording to KPMG. Yes there is change afoot

them without a word of explanation. Wyser-Pratte can't prove it but he's sure litically connected executive at one of the many companies that he's targetted for recertain. As head of New York-based Wyser-Pratte & Co with some \$500m (£315m) in assets under management to invest in poorly managed companiesGuy Wyser-Pratte is persona non grata in some of Europe's

finest drawing rooms. Wyser-Pratte and other pioneers are beginning to reap big profits by taking minority stakes in asset-rich, poorly managed companies outside the US and forcing man-

agement to unlock their hidden values.

FORTUNE

Western investment is beginning to flood into the Japanese markets

CONVENTIONAL WISDOM has it that there are some great deals to be done in Japan these everything in their bags before releasing in Japan, but the numbers are deceptive.

Has the purchaser bought gold or dross? In fact most of what the foreigners have that the search was orchestrated by a po- bought so far are prestigious names attached to sick, debt laden institutions. As Daimler-Chrysler discovered recently structuring in recent years. This much is when it walked away from merger talks with troubled Nissan Motors, it's sometimes hard to figure out where the timebombs are

inside a Japanese company. It's understandable that Western dealmakers are attracted to Japan But to many Japanese such thinking is a threat. What will force Japan to change its attitude? More hard times. Today Japanese corporations still rely on close relationships with a "main bank". For that particular institution

the beginning of the end is in sight. - Justin Doebele, staff writer | - Michael Zielenziger, of Knight Ridder

COVER STORY



Despite the harsh reality of the global market place, Brian Williamson is optimistic: 'London is vibrant. It does a majority of forward-rate dealing in the yen, dollar, euro. It just has to get its act together' Kolpesh Lathigra

# The bright side of Liffe

WHEN BRIAN Williamson was persuaded to return after an absence of 10 years to head up Liffe, the London futures exchange, few people gave him much of a chance. It was a brave thing to do. It was widely said in the City, but essentially the battle had already been lost. Over the previous two years, trading in Europe's biggest volume futures contract, the benchmark bund, had upped roots and migrated almost in its entirety from the handwaving brightly coloured jackets of Liffe's trading floor to the electronic screenbased dealing system of the Frankfurthased Eurex.

For years, Liffe had deluded itself into thinking that its "open outcry" method of face-to-face trading, was the only way to run a futures market. A mixture of arrogance and powerful vested interest made it impervious to change. When Frankfurt launched its electronic trading screens, Liffe was there for the taking, and as its main claim to be a genuinely international exchange, the bund contract, seeped away, Liffe seemed destined for the second division - or worse. Liffe, in the view of many was caught in a time warp and destined for irrelevance.

The picture today could hardly be more different. Just six months after Mr Williamson took back the helm, Liffe is back

What should have been the final nail in its coffin, the advent of the euro, has instead brought about a renaissance in its affairs. From a standing start Liffe has captured nearly 90 per cent of the trade in the benchmark euro interest future, the Euribor contract with more than 2 trillion euro's worth of business traded through the exchange. The London futures market is again makng the running against competition not just from the Germans, but from the frag-mented American futures exchanges, who for once are running to catch up.

But Liffe, Mr Williamson insists, is not out of the woods yet. "I thought there was one year in which to secure the future of the exchange," he says. "I don't think we will really know whether it has a future and where it lies until that year is complete."

Eurex still dominates the long-end of the Euro derivatives market, while Liffe has yet successfully to complete the transition into the computer age. Yet, there is an optimism in the London market today which is such a far cry from the gloom and despondency which ruled last summer that the two beasts are barely recognisable as one and the same.

Grabbing the entire Euro money market futures business from under the noses of the Germans and Liffe's French rival Matif within weeks of the euro's launch, was, Mr Williamson acknowledges, a significant victory. "That was the first time I realised we had a real chance not just of saving the exchange but of actually re-establishing our past success."

Mr Williamson, a dapper, 53-year-old whose conventional City look and accent belie an unorthodox approach, was one of the driving forces in setting up the exchange in the teeth of entrenched city op-

London International Financial Futures Exchange was being dealt off the Illipse Its rivals, and all it could look forward to was a slow, humiliating death. But six months after the arrival of the sober-suited Brian Williamson, and with help from the unfashionable euro, Liffe is starting to look up again

BY ANDREW GARFIELD

't was Liffe, but not as the traders in their flash jackets once knew it. The

position nearly two decades ago. Within weeks of his return to Liffe's Cannon Street headquarters, the sense of change was palpable. "He has done what good leaders do," says Mathew Fosh, of brokers SGF Futures & Options. "He has given Liffe confidence in the future."

That future has come to hold a crucial symbolic importance for the City of London, as it agonises about its place in a European and global market place where speed and efficiency count for rather more than the old school tie. For years, the success of Liffe with its colourfully plumaged traders, muttering equally colourful expletives as they barked out prices in German or Italian government bond futures,

appeared to silence the doubts. When all that crumbled last summer, after the Swiss-German Eurex took control of the bund futures market, it seemed the pessimists, who said the single currency heralded the end of London's role as Europe's financial centre, were right. To Mr Williamson it was clear Liffe was heading for serious problems: "In this market, you can't be arrogant, you can't be alone. you can't be aloof. For a while Liffe was all

Towards the end of the chairmanship of his predecessor Jack Wrigglesworth, he says it was obvious "radical change was necessary". In particular, Mr Williamson believed, Liffe needed a "commercial edge", an odd thing for a market operating at the frontiers of financial trade not to have, but all too plainly lacking at Liffe.

Immediately after taking charge of Liffe in August, Mr Williamson embarked on a lightning tour of Liffe's big institutional customers in an effort to find out what it would take to win their confidence back. Listening to what the customers want is hardly business rocket science, but it was something that had fallen into sad neglect at Liffe. One of his first moves was to appoint a chief executive, the South Africanborn Hugh Freedberg to take charge of day to day management, freeing time to concentrate on big picture issues. He also drafted in a host of City figures including Sir Brian Pitman, chairman of Lloyds-TSB, the clearing bank, Christopher Sharples from GNI, the broking house, and David Hardy, head of the London Clearing House. Within weeks, this so-called Fast Progress Group had come up with an action plan for

reversing Liffe's decline. Eurex had stolen a march by being first out of the traps with a screen-based trading system which was cheaper than Liffe and allowed dealing from almost anywhere around the globe. Eurex also benefited from the backing of the big German banks and the political sponsorship of the German government.

Liffe, which had been able to get away with charging what it liked by virtue of its former stranglehold over the European derivatives market, first had to get a grip on costs. Secondly, it had to grasp the nettle of technology, which it had repeatedly ducked. That meant accelerating the development of its screen-based trading system Liffe Connect and, hardest of all, waving goodbye to the trading pits, which to the outside world are the visible face of Liffe and the City. To survive, Liffe would have to become leaner, fitter and cheaper.

Since November, when Mr Williamson announced that 60 per cent of Liffe's 1000 staff would have to go, more than a third of Liffe's 20 trading pits have closed. Last week Liffe's gilts futures pit was shut. In two weeks the FTSE 100, 250 index futures pits close, leaving the exchange with five times as much real estate on its hands than it will need. By the time the process is over Liffe will have cut its costs by more than a half compared with last year.

Liffe's board has been streamlined and the Exchange's shareholding structure changed to allow outside investors to participate, a first step towards an eventual goal of a stock market flotation. Liffe will no longer be a club of exchange members. but a commercial company whose ability to fund development will depend on its suc-

As Liffe grows in confidence once more,

attention has begun to focus again on the failings of its competitors. Eurex, which a year ago steamrollered all before it, has had its setbacks these past few months. In January a traders' revolt at the Chicago Board of Trade, led to the Windy's City's oremier derivatives exchange tearing up an agreement to form an alliance with

Eurex and opting to go alone. Eurex's customers too have started to defect. Critics say Eurex's computer trading system, now several years old, is creaking under the strain. There are mutterings about whether Eurex's bureaucratic settlement and clearing system is up to the task of processing the volumes required.

Many in the industry think Chicago, once the world derivatives capital, is also riding for a fall. David Brennan, the new chairman of the CBOT may be about to repeat the mistakes Liffe made several years ago when, because of pressure from floor traders, it insisted on clinging to its open outcry traditions while others plunged headlong into the technology game. The traditional duopoly of the Chicago Board of Trade and the Chicago Mercantile Exchange is threatened by a new private sector initiative from Cantor Fitzgerald, the brokerage which wants to launch its own

For those displaced by the changes, life has been tough. The hardest hurdle to overcome has been the psychological one of ditching what to many has been the heart and soul of Liffe since it was launched in the heady days of the early 1980s. Looking back, it is hard to remember the ridicule which first accompanied the appearance on the streets of the City of the Liffe traders, with their trademark blazers, hand signals and sharp-witted, barrow boy terminolo-

gy - so much have they become part of the City landscape. The multicoloured jackets, were, like

many of the features which were to become an integral part of the London futures market, copied wholesale from Chicago, which was the only model of a successful futures market around when Liffe was founded. Traders were often greeted with cries of "two ice-lollies" or "ice-cream man".

Yet they were to become a City institution. To many, the floor is the market, the gyrating arms, the shouting, the aggression, the epitome of real capitalism, red in tooth and claw. Giving up that raw energy for the more cerebral pleasures of watching numbers dance on a screen is not going

Already, the pubs and champagne bars along Cannon Street are noticeably less crowded. The swarms of blue, green and red jacketed traders that once flooded the neighbouring streets every lunch time has slowed to a trickle. The hardest hit have been the locals - the freelance traders who in their heyday provided most of the liq-uidity - the lifeblood of any market.

Some have already retrained for a more office-bound existence as screen-based traders. Others have simply thrown in the towel. One has recycled his market gains to open a restaurant in Spain.

Romantics question whether the new computer-driven market will ever produce the rags-to-riches beroes that the floor-based trading of yesteryear spawned - figures like Terry Crawley, the £100-aweek carpet layer from Bermondsey who made the Sunday Times Rich List after netting £8m a year as a Liffe trader. The successful in the new computer-based market will be of a different breed, more intellectual, better-educated, relying more on analysis of long-term market trends, and less on animal instinct.

Miles Blackstein, a Liffe local who like many in the market has had to re-invent himself over the past six months, says: "It was a very unreal life. There were periods when you could just walk in and make £5,000 for a few hours work. You never forget the first time you walk on the floor and there are 2,000 people screaming. There were moments like just before the New York opening when everyone was stamping their feet. It was very exciting." Mr Williamson, who started in the City to get its act together."

when the stock exchange was a seething pit of jobbers sporting top hats, believes the ssage of the stereotypical Liffe trader is inevitable. "London has always been primarily an institutional market," he says.

These days markets are expected to operate through "open systems", not closed proprietary methods, hardware and spaces the idea being that trading houses will buy their own computer hardware and have prices piped in from a variety of sources. Mr Williamson reckons this is the real challenge ahead for the derivatives exchanges. Rather than pushing its own trading system exclusively, it has signed up with 15 software providers so that its Liffe Connect system can be offered to anyone with a

Another issue is that publicly traded contracts such as stock exchange or currency futures are now a small proportion of total derivatives business. The big growth area is so-called over-the-counter derivatives, tailor-made instruments like swaps, which allow institutions to hedge interest rate risk. The bulk of these are offered by banks to other banks and financial institutions, rather than through exchanges. The drawback is that these contracts are only as good as the bank you bought them from, whereas exchange-traded contracts are guaranteed by the exchange and can be freely bought and sold without risk of

Mr Williamson's ambition is to offer exchange versions of these products.

Finally, there is also the issue - banal to the outsider - of clearing. The corollary of being able to trade at the flick of the switch, is that someone is at hand to make sure that at the end of the day everything balances up. What banks want more than anything these days is centralised global clearing, so that trades done on one exchange can be matched with trades on another exchange. Mr Williamson believes if anyone can provide that service it is London, the only financial centre in the world, New York included, which is comfortable dealing with the demands of a truly international client base. Mathew Fosh of SFG says if he can resolve this problem. he will have found the financial markets equivalent of the Holy Grail.

The harsh reality Mr Williamson faces is that in a global market place, exchanges are no longer about having a physical presence, buildings, traders, history, or a culture, but about providing services to a footloose clientele more efficiently than anyone else. "Change," says Mr Fosh, "is inevitable. What the exchanges will end up being is IT houses with product capability." Mr Williamson sees that as an opportunity, not a threat. "I am optimistic. The reason I am optimistic is that all the people who do the business are in London. London is such a vibrant place. It does a majority of forward rate dealing in the yen,

"London has a great opportunity to have settlement in equity, bond, derivatives markets, all together. All the people who do that business are here. London just has

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### ENTERPRISE ISSUES

## Consensus should apply to both rich and poor

IT WAS at a conference in 1990, recommendations were not wrong, the regulation of the banking syssponsored by the prestigious Institute for International Economics, that the term "Washington Consensus" was coined. This was a collection of policy prescriptions for developing economies which were squarely in the tradition of orthodox economics: sound government finances, liberalisation of trade and investment, privatisation, deregulation, and so on.

It was a received wisdom that was probably never widely enough shared to deserve the term consensus, even though most governments in most parts of the world put its precepts into practice throughout the 1990s. But since the financial crisis of last summer, the Washington consensus has looked a bit threadbare. The tigers of South-east Asia had embraced it wholeheartedly and yet many of them still plunged into crisis.

A new World Bank publication has ridden to the rescue. Called "Beyond the Washington Consensus: Institutions Matter", it concludes that the standard policy

just incomplete. Critics will say this is a bid by one of the Big Brother institutions of the world economy to alter the content of the consensus while keeping the Washington bit intact. For the World Bank still policies for emerging economies.

But it is worth looking at the

lessons drawn from the crisis given that the original Washington consensus did generate such spectacular growth in the countries that embraced it. The new report conoverlook the importance of the institutional structure of economies. The sound macroeconomic policies were applied regardless of the historical and cultural context of individual economies, as if there really were such as thing as a pure free market. Of course there is not. and it seems mad that anybody could have imagined otherwise. But it is not that obvious, except with hindsight, that there is any link between the need for a small government budget deficit and, say, point members of their family and

tem or the types of contract on which civil servants are employed.

The report summarises research on the links between certain types of institutions in developing economies and their growth rates has a shopping list of appropriate and poverty levels. The results are unsurprising. Respect for property rights, honest civil servants and politicians, protection of investors' and depositors' rights. and so on, are all correlated with higher GDP and lower poverty and inequality. There is a similar cludes that the mistake was to link with strong shareholder rights. such as allowing small shareholders to vote by proxy, not setting too high a threshold for the calling of exceptional shareholder meetings. and making it possible for shareholders to oust directors. So in this sense the World Bank vindicates the commonplace conclusion that, broadly speaking, "crony capital ism" was to blame for the severi-

ty of the east Asian crisis. This does not just mean the tendency of eminent politicians to ap-



DIANE COYLE

If this is crony capitalism, it is an ailment that does not just afflict developing countries entourage to all the top jobs. It includes, also, things like legal protections for creditors. One fascinating table ranks countries according to whether or not their laws guarantee that secured creditors get paid first, whether there is an automatic stay on assets. whether managers are forced to leave a bankrupt company, and so on. The developed economies mostly enjoy a high score. So do many countries whose legal system is derived from the Anglo-Saxon tradition, including Hong Kong, Singapore and Thailand, But those with traditions more like the French or German - most of Latin America, Korea and Japan - have a lower average score. The same groups do worse on indicators of accounting standards, too.

This comparison prompts the interesting thought that if this is what constitutes crony capitalism. it is an ailment that does not just afflict developing countries. For Germany, too, has close links between banks and corporations not mediated by markets, overlaps

of personnel and misty accounting is what really helps weather the standards. Even taking a narrower view of crony capitalism, the rich countries share with the developing countries many institutional problems. Russia is not alone in being plagued by the web of Mafia control ensuaring its businesses or by massive tax evasion; but Italy is a very wealthy country and Russia is not. Just recently the entire European Commission was forced to step down over allegations of fraud and mismanagement; the EU budget forms one of the world's biggest gravy trains. The Anglo-Saxons do not escape; after all the US has given us the

phrase "pork harrel" politics. Perhaps it is true, then, that in the end the rich are just different from the rest in having more money. The lesson seems to be that developing economies have to get their macroeconomic policies right (the first version of the Washington consensus); then their microeconomic policies and institutions right (the updated version). And then they need to get richer too, because that

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But I think this would be too defeatist a conclusion. The World Bank's authors conclude that, just as the 1980s debt crisis spurred the afflicted countries to cut deficits, liberalise their trade rules and start privatisation programmes, the 1990s crisis will set in train a process of detailed institutional reform. Let's hope the developed economies should be busy applying the same logic to themselves as well as hectoring poorer countries about what they ought to do. For the same set of solutions might well help solve the different kinds of problems faced by different groups of countries. After all, a breath of free market fresh air in Germany's jobs and capital markets might help reduce its seemingly permanently high unemployment rate. More equal access to education and healthcare in the US might give young men in its ghettos an alternative career to prison. There cannot be one Washington consensus for the poor and another for the rich.

### **FOCUS**

## The man with his finger on Sony's pulse

COULD IT be that Howard Stringer is hankering for a job in television again? It has been four years since New Yorker, and her husband and the tall Welshman bid a teary farewell to CBS, the US network that he headed between 1988 and 1995 and which gave him his first job back in 1965. Last week, giving the cheese than any of them. keypote address to the annual National Association of Broadcasters Convention in Las Vegas, he admitted to pangs of nostalgia. "When I call CBS executives today, I have a blazer for him when he won a to spell my name to the reception-scholarship to a posh private school. ist. he lamented with a wry smile. Mr Stringer is now ensconced atop

large broadcasting entity, not necessarily US-based but Englishspeaking, might be in the market for steer it into the brave new digital age of the 21st Century? How about Director-General as his title rather than president or CEO. Gosh, that's it - our very own Auntie, the BBC. He is from Cardiff, after all, notwithstanding his US citizenship, acquired in 1985. The guy could hardly be a more perfect fit.

Actually, we are a little behind the curve here. For several months, Mr Stringer has been the focus of gossip about a successor to Sir John Birt. who departs the Beeb in April next year. The mention of his name has provoked reactions ranging from There have been some in the Corporation who have been panicked by BBC would ever be able to manage. the notion of Mr Stringer as Director General, but probably that's be- from the recent purchase of a modcause they have been confusing him with another British-born star from the US television universe named Jerry Springer, a man whose meanderings through the sexual low life of the US of A would certainly give a whole new meaning to the notion of public service broadcasting.

different. He has long qualified for to New York with £100 in his pocket. membership of the Brits-that-madeit-big-in-New York club we so love to natter about. Somehow, though, our fascination has been directed more often at other paid-up members nam War, he was drafted. like Tina Brown, former editor of the

long-ago Sunday Times and Times editor. Harold Evans. And yet Mr been here for four months and you Stringer, in terms of sheer corporate ladder-climbing, is a far bigger

We are not just talking about his past success at CBS. From a South Wales background so cash-strapped that his RAF father could not afford Let's consider this for a moment. the massive Sony building on New How might we help Mr Stringer find York's Madison Avenue. Indeed, since December he has been chairquite obviously missing? Which man and CEO of Sony Corporation of America, making him number three in the global Sony empire. Understand that and ponder the pivotal a new Number One, someone to role that Sony expects to play worldwide in turning all of our lives over from analogue to digital, and you might begin to wonder whether all this BBC talk isn't a little bit silly.

But we had to ask, and this was the response from Sony's New York PR. "Mr Stringer not long ago received a significant promotion at Sony Corporation of America. At the end of June, he will be named to the board of Sony Corporation. He knows nothing about the rumours regarding the BBC and has no comment". There didn't seem much point in asking for details about his salary; suffice it to say Sony will be 'Yes, please" to "Howard who?". paying 57-year-old Stringer rather more than the tax-payer-funded

Nor do we have any evidence, aside est pile in Oxfordshire, that Mr Stringer is ready to end his love affair with America, the seeds of which were sown during his student days at Merton College at Oxford University. There he mixed with Americans over in Britain on the Rhodes Scholarship programme and began dream-Mr Stringer could hardly be more ing of a life in the US. In 1965, he sailed Job interviews eventually took him to CBS where was given the lowly position of log clerk. Then, just six weeks later, at the height of the Viet-

One of the more endearing stories

about Stringer has him writing to Bobby Kennedy to grumble about his unexpected fate. He recently recalled saying in the letter. "Look, I've want me to die for you." Don't you think that's a little premature?". But the US law said it was quite proper for resident aliens to be conscripted and so Stringer was dispatched and ended up serving 10 months.

At the very end of his official Sony issued CV it says: "He is a recipient of a US Army Commendation Medal for meritorious achievement for service in Vietnam (1965-67).7 Other handy details: he is married to a dermatologist, Dr Jennifer A K Patter son, and has two children. The family lives in New York but also has a bolthole in the Hamptons on Long Island named Bear Cottage. This has nothing to do with Stringer's rugby-playing physique the was captain of the Oxford team) but with his wife's collection of stuffed bears.

Returning from combat, Stringer once more found himself at CBS, where he relentlessly scaled the ranks. Eventually he was to take charge of the Evening News with Dan Rather, helping it to regain viewer dominance over the news shows at ABC and NBC, as well as the network's current affairs division. Under his leadership, the documentary team won a slew of Emmy Awards. It was the then new owner of CBS, the industrialist, Laurence Tisch, who chose Mr Stringer as President of CBS Broadcasting in 1988. At first, CBS fared brilliantly under

Mr Stringer. Despite being forced by Mr Tisch into draconian job cuts, staff remained loyal; his success in taking the company from number three in the prime-time ratings back to number one commanded respect. His greatest moment came in 1993, when he poached late-night talk-show comic David Letterman from NBC. How he did it became the stuff of moves involved then CBS news broadcaster, Connie Chung, whom Letterman had jokingly fantasised about on air. Mr Stringer persuaded Ms Chung to tape a pretend segment promising Letterman, in her most



she made love to her husband on condition he joined CBS. Mr Stringer sent

the tape to Letterman. For Mr Stringer, it was the pinnacle of his career at CBS. In 1994 things started to unravel. Ratings slid dramatically and the network suffered a huge setback when it lost the rights to broadcast National League Football games to a much bigger bid from Fox Broadcasting, owned by Rupert Murdoch. Depressed and

fed up, Mr Stringer quit in early 1995. When he invited some of his closest colleagues to a farewell reception. Mr Stringer's normal gift for words reportedly abandoned him. After his speech, he sat down and wept.

Mr Stringer had been lured away by Michael Ovitz, an old friend and head of the Creative Artists Agency in Los Angeles. What followed was a project called Tele-TV. Bankrolled by three telephone companies, legend in the industry. One of his Nynex, Bell Atlantic and PacTel, it was an ultimately ill-fated attempt to use telephone lines to deliver television and Internet services to American homes. Mr Stringer once joked that he had given up CBS to be made "chief executive of a phone languid voice, that she would moan, booth". Within two years, it was clear

that Tele-TV was doomed. But it had not been time entirely wasted. Mr Stringer, who while at CBS had famously poo-pooed interactivity and all things information super-highway

- "I don't think we've found the entrance ramp yet", he once proudly proclaimed - had undergone an awakening at Tele-TV that prepared nim well for life at Sony, which scooped him up in April 1997. Its essence was this: that digital

technology and the power of the computer chip were about to revolutionise our relationship with just about everything electronic in our homes - our computers, our televisions, our VCRs. Machines that once had separate functions, like PCs and TVs, were about to be fused. And the prize for those companies that saw it would be huge.

Sony, which makes 30 per cent of its sales in the US, has seen it for sure. In spite of Japan's economic turmoil, the company is in robust shape and is undergoing its own revolution. Helping to fund its success is the PlayStation, which accounts for just a over a quarter of its revenues. Last month. Sony celebrated the sale of its 50 millionth PlayStation console and unveiled its successor PlayStation II. The new PlayStation would also join

Under its Tokyo-based President, the circus, working, for instance, as Nobuyuki Idei - the man Mr Stringer reports to - Sony is gearing up to take its slice of the digital market.

Part of the change involves turning Sony into a company that is as it will control digital TVs, cellular much committed to software as it is to hardware. Indeed by the end of next year, it will have as many software engineers as hardware designers. But there is more to it than this. It is anticipated that the new approach will eventually pit the corporation - and Mr Stringer - against Microsoft and its founder Bill Gates. "All of us," Mr Stringer remarked recently, "are in a battle with Bill

Gates for the living room". Just heating up is a gigantic struggle between two competing visions. In one corner is Mr Gates, who is betting that at the heart of every newlydigitised home will be a PC, equipped with a Windows-based operating system. Sony, with some other allies in the electronics industry, sees a world of smart gadgets, each with their own brains. On your TV will be a Sony settop box, able to control the TV itself digital and equipped to raid the Internet - your video recorder, hi-fi system and even your computerised pet.

a DTV player or indeed as the set-top box itself. Also in Sony's future, is a new operating system to be called Aperios. To be unveiled later this year, phones, or any other gadget Sony dreams up. It will be Aperios versus Windows, Stringer versus Gates.

When Mr Stringer stood before the delegates at the broadcasting convention last week, it was not to share old times with them. Rather, he lectured them on the need to embrace the digital revolution. Directing his comments specifically at the networks, he declared: "Digital TV is inevitable ... Digital TV will change the world. At Sony, we view the D'TV as the command centre for a digital home network. We help you figure out lots of marvellous ways to make your business work better. And all we ask in return is that you stop crying in your chardonnay about lost share".

We have yet to hear Mr Stringer, rather than his PR lackies, ruling himself out from the Birt succession. But who are we kidding? Mr Stringer has done TV. Which would you find more interesting - the annual politicking over the licence fee, or taking on Bill Gates for control of our homes?



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## THE PLAYER: JOHN FINAN, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF WINTERTHUR LIFE UK

## After an unfair share of the market

BY NICOLA REEVES

Jaguar XK8. Pay in 1997, excluding pension contributions, £253,000. Likes golf and boating.

CHALLENGE: Winterthur Life UK has grown by 700 per cent in the past seven years but expenses have risen by just 6.5 per cent. The challenge is to maintain that momentum and to get our unfair share of the market; ours and somebody else's, says Mr Finan.

CORPORATE BACKGROUND: Joined Pearl Assurance as an agent in 1959. Rose within the company to the level of main company to the level of main termur's three divisions. So per contract the chal- a better deal. Winterthur has the life and pensions sector.

PERSONAL DETAILS: Age 60. to become chief executive and Lives in Berkshire. Drives deputy chairman of NEL Britannia, the insurance arm of Invesco MIM, formerly Britannia Arrow. In 1992, Mr Finan was made managing director of Provident Life, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Winterthur Swiss Insurance with assets of £30bn. In 1995. after over 100 years as Provident Life, the firm formally adopted the name of its parent company. Winterthur Life UK. Winterthur Group merged with Credit Suisse Group in 1997.

> STRATEGY: To grow Win- sonal pensions with around terthur's three divisions. 50 per cent market share.

market. There has been rapid growth in the group pensions products business. Mr Finan sees scope for further substantial growth. Winterthur serves the largest number of independently owned tied flexible staff benefits and hours. deals with most of its 1,000 branches. These include the Haart estate agency chain, formerly Woolwich Property Serhousing market is seen as "a tremendous opportunity" for the business. Mr Finan says 44 per cent of owners could

lenge is to consolidate and set up a free personal financial maintain leadership in this services call centre offering remortgage terms within 15 minutes. Mr Finan wants to expand into areas such as Individual Savings Accounts and personal loans. Mr Finan says the group is looking at

PLANS: Winterthur Life is one of the fastest-growing insurance companies in the UK, with a 29 per cent return on capvices. The strength of the ital and after-tax profits of s4m in 1997. Mr Finan is working with European colleagues on group and individual pensions and the group is on the lookout switch their mortgage and get for mergers and acquisitions in

and poor

#### CORPORATE PROFILE

### BY JONATHAN MILLER

hose British guys: they have some neat ideas but they know nothing about business. Well, that's what the software industry said until Charles Cornwall bought the cyberbabe Lara Croft and turned Eidos into a force to be reckoned with

## The profits of Tomb and gloom

NOW HERE'S a recipe for sleepless nights. Start in an industry - say computer software - where your competitors include the likes of Bill Gates's Microsoft and Sony Corporation. Bear in mind that British software companies have a reputation for being innovative, creative, exciting and hopeless at making money.

Next, specialise in computer game software, on the cutting edge of geek culture, which means you hire staff who don't know what a necktie is, who live on pizza and who would blend in seamlessly at a grunge-music festival.

Then market a range of products whose functionality is incomprehensible to all but adolescent and preadolescent males, few of them likely to have girlfriends - consumers whose fickleness is notorious and with the attention span of a gnat.

Finally, to finance this brilliant scheme, try to raise venture capital in Britain, where venture capital doesn't even mean venture capital but management buy-outs, in a market whose investors are notoriously averse to risk, and where investors have been burnt.

Alternatively, lie down in a darkened room until the feeling passes. But wait: maybe not.

Eidos, the British computer games publisher of cyberbabe Lara eroine of the Tomb Raider series of computer games, is riding high and making money. Last October its share price was at a 13month low of 595p. Since then the company has produced strong third-quarter numbers which show turnover in the nine months to December rose by 64 per cent up to £169m, producing a profit before tax up 149 per cent to £32.4m. As prospects brightened, the firm's core executives have been visiting 15 cities in seven countries, making 90 presentations to 120 institutions.

Their story seems to have convinced Today, Eidos is flavour of the month among investment analysts who have watched the computer game business double in size in 36 months, seeing Eidos emerge as a champion performer among British software houses. The culture is as much West Coast American as British, despite the unlikely location of its offices in Wimbledon, a middle-class London suburb that could hardly be further removed from Silicon Valley's wild west fron-

tiers of technology. One executive's first day at work was spent in shock from his first view of the open-plan office packed with new colleagues in old clothes, unkempt and straggly-haired. "It's true some of these guys have probably not been close to a bar of soap for a while, but they're good at what they do," he says.
It was not ever thus. Four years

ago, Eidos was a technology-led company attempting to cut a path in the arcane world of video compression - essentially, using software instead of expensive hardware to digitise images. When the chief executive, Charles Cornwall, arrived, the share price was roughly 30p. He liked the technology but de-spaired of it producing much in the the market

way of earnings. "We needed something else," he says. The answer was computer games.

Enter Lara Croft, the game that has gone on to sell more than 15 million copies worldwide. Other games, including Doom and Quake, have sold more but few rivals appear to have such long-term potential. This seems to be down largely to the incredible response of computer gamers to the character of Lara Croft herself, an Uzi-toting cyberbabe who lives in a baronial manor house and whose exploits have captivated millions of fans. Lara was invented by a small de-

sign house called Core Design in Derby, which Mr Cornwall promptly bought. Jeremy Heath-Smith, who founded Core Design, is now an executive director of Eidos. The highest-paid director of the company, he was paid £1.8 million last year and is now working on a fourth version of the game. Mr Cornwall, 36 and South African-born, has become a multi-millionaire, his 4 per cent shareholding now worth £15m, with options worth much more.

Yet the best, analysts say, may be to come, with Paramount preparing to start shooting a movie version of Lara Croft, Lord Sainsbury of Turville, the technology minister, hailing Lara Croft as an "ambassador for British scientific excellence" and Eidos using Lara's notoriety to lever itself into the first rank of computer game com-

"Eidos is doing really well," says Jeff Kave, editor-in-chief of CTW, the computer game industry magazine. "They've exploited Lara well, and to get away from their reputation as a one-trick pony they're developing other titles including Championship Manager, which has really blown everything else away. They've got a good team at the top and though the City has had a hard time trying to figure out how to value this kind of company, the analysts are beginning to understand them and they're pretty high on them."

Perhaps most surprising of all, Eidos has begun to disprove the rule that British innovation is incompatible with commercial success. "We're positive," says Robert

Smithson, the Goldman Sachs sector analyst. "The secular trend is very good in the long term and the stock is cheap." The secular trend, Mr Smithson

explains, is that hardware sales keep growing. Eidos does not make hardware, but every time a games platform is sold, it gains potential customers. Although Mr Smithson acknowledges the volatility of the computer game product cycle, he believes that on current trends Eidos profits and shares ought to keep growing.

Eidos makes games for two main platforms: the Sony Playstation, game console of choice among the digerati, and the ubiquitous PC, which in its latest manifestations is also capable of rendering the rich graphics that are a hallmark of Eidos's offerings.

The company's real milch cow is the Playstation, with 50 million sold world-wide. Sony controls manu-

The industry rumour is that Sony is about to slash the price of the concalculation is a classic "give away If the sums are right, this will be a big opportunity for Eidos. The typical Playstation customer buys eight is preparation for next year's launch of the Playstation 2, a console 1,000 times more powerful than the present model.

Eidos has just won an award from what many regard as a relatively undemanding multiple of 14 times

although the technology is a vital component, "We are a digital media reached the critical mass to have the

In February, Eidos did a similar they switched off," he says.

Mr Cornwall says the Elixir deal is the kind that will allow his company to continue to prosper in a hazardous market. "Yes, it is frustrating that venture capital is not understood in Britain but it is also an opportunity because this is a country with incredible talent. We have be-

facture of the cartridges used in the Playstation, but there is still plenty left over for Eidos. The gross margin on a sold game is close to 65 per

sole in the UK from £99 to £69. Sony's the razor, sell the blades" strategy. games; trends show that some - perhaps the new Lara Croft game - will have the Eidos label. The price cut

Deloitte & Touche as the fastestgrowing tech company in Britain. Up more than 200 per cent in six months, the shares still stand on Even Dresdner Kleinwort Ben-

son, house broker to the company. wonders whether the story is "too good to be true", although it concludes that it isn't. Eidos shares reached £22.20 last week and volume and the number of quality investors

Cornwall says the key to the company interested in the creation of original content more than anything else. Thanks to Lara, we have credibility to attract new content." A manifestation of this has been

the frantic pace at which Eidos has been buying smaller software companies around Britain and cutting deals with others, ones with innovative ideas but not necessarily the publishing skills to bring them to market. The latest deal, announced last week was a long-term publishing agreement with Free Radical Design, based in Nottingham which started this year. The company is run by the the team who built the successful Goldeneye007 game for Nintendo. Its first product for Eidos will be released next year. David Doak, their managing director, says: "Eidos is a long-term player with an enviable track record and a clear view of where the industry is headed. Their board was refreshingly open and direct. Their passion for games clinched it."

deal with Elixir Studios, a Londonbased games developer established last year by Demis Hassabis, who created a best-selling computer game called Theme Park when he was 16. Mr Hassabis wrote to 31 venture capital companies, but was offered meetings with only four. "As soon as they heard computer games

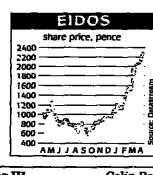


Lara Croft, bailed by the technology minister Lord Sainsbury of Turville as an 'ambassador for British scientific excellence'



Charles Cornwall (right), Jeremy Lewis and Mike McGarvey of Eidos play a game of Tomb Raider III

Market capitalisation Price 2200 Employees 590 CEO Charles H.D. Cornwall Finance Director Jeremy Lewis COO Mike McGarvey Chairman Ian Livingstone **Executive Director** Jeremy Heath-Smith **EIDOS** share price, pence



come the mutant child of a film stu- manifestly fruitful, and they even ap- for around \$49. Eidos has also dis-

Colin Beere

dio and a record company. We have pear to get along. a lot of individual developer relationships through equity stakes, outright ownership or contracts."

the even split of its senior team between bankers and technical wizards. Mr Cornwall and his finance director Jeremy Lewis are former bankers. Company chairman Ian Livingstone and executive director Jeremy Heath-Smith are the techies. The collaboration has been here for about £49 and in America customers a free connection and in-

In a curious way, Eidos is itself becoming a venture capital house, identifying promising developers ucts to market, often taking equity stakes. This is a unique business model, one that essentially puts Eidos in portfolio management.

The business is growing at 35 per cent annually with gross margins of 65 per cent on its products, which sell

covered that sequels to its hit games sell even better than the originals. They claim second place among independent publishers of games for One key to the Eidos success is and helping them to get their prod- the Playstation, behind Electronic Arts, in the key markets of the US, UK, Germany and France. Earlier this year, in a move to position itself alongside high-multiple Internet stocks, Eidos announced a deal with Easynet Group PLC, the Internet service provider, to give its

teractive gaming with other enthusiasts over the Web. "The Web is going to be like the first words Adam said to Eve, 'Stand back - I don't know how big this thing is going to get'," says Cornwall.

Perhaps, but Eidos has still to reach the dizzying multiples enjoyed by the American Internet stocks. Unlike many of them, it does make money. Investors hope Eidos enjoys the same success as the Garden of Eden appears to have

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All in half a day's work: Spare a thought for the poor London-based investment bankers eking out an existence on paltry six-figure salaries. The Canary has news of one Baltimore-based financier who was in the market for a million-dollar house in Antigua. No sooner had he put down his deposit of \$65,000 (£39.000) than he was told by a friend that neighbouring Barbuda was actually the place to be. He immediately pulled out of the sale. "You realise," warned the English solicitor officiating, "that you will lose your deposit." "What do I care?" drawled the banker. "It's only half a day's work."

Still want to work there?

Going green, or red-faced: After our revelations that Reuters, the financial news and information company, is planning to send more staff to Devon, the Canary was inundated with calls from employees. There are serious implications for the quality of our product." one caller told us. And serious implications for a load of Londoners that don't want to move to the West Country? An existing staffer at Tiverton also phoned, but sounded confused. "I knew there were ns for us to move." she said. But I thought we were all moving to Exeter." It must be all the cider they drink down there.

Paribas lock-in: London staff of the French investment bank Paribas are being offered golden handcuffs to stay. This follows the £22bn hostile bid from Banque Nationale de Paris for Société Générale and Paribas, Paribas and Société Générale had been discussing a gentle coupling of their own, but now the atmosphere is tense. "The uncertainty and the acrimony is worse than anything else," says a Paribas trader. "The handcuffs will have to be pretty bloody shiny to get people to stay. Headhunters are sniffing about at every level." The Canary welcomes correspondence at canary@excite.co.uk

## Who is the toast of the brewing industry?

Miles Templeman

Managing Director, Beer Company, Whitbread Plc THE PERSON who stands out most clearly from the pack is David Thompson, chairman of Wolverhampton and Dudley He guided them through the acquisition of Marstons. He is a businessman who brought his viewpoint into the industry on various topics and stuck to it in the face of contrasting opinion. He has a bold and broad approach. I'd also like to nominate Bobby Neame from Shepherd Nearne. He gradually built up a family business and developed interesting beers against all the odds. because he is not a big player. He got his beers into the marketplace and managed to sustain interest in them. Bobby is also a prominent spokesman for us. He and his vicechairman Stuart Neame have done great work for us in the duty battle. Personality is something that matters very much in our business which really is the hospitality business. The more outward-going people tend to succeed. Both nominees have positive personal qualities.

Anthony Fuller Chairman.

Fuller Smith and Turner Pic MY NOMINEE is not a high-profile national player, but a regional stalwart - George Bateman of George Bateman and Sons. He managed to unite the family and the business in a time of massive crisis. A few years back, a part of the family was keen to sell, but George fought this and rallied his family. He made the right decision because the company went from strength to strength and they now own about 60 pubs. He has also managed to place their beer brands firmly on the brewing map. His success was due purely to his determination to succeed. He is a truly inspiring man. He had the longterm vision important to expanding a family business from one generation to the next - he's not just looking at instant profits like some of the pub breweries.

From Ebbe Dinesen Chief Executive.

Carlsberg-Tetley Brewing Ltd I OUGHT to nominate Captain J C Jacobsen, who first produced Carlsberg in 1847 with the declared aim to "develop the art of making beer to the greatest degree of perfection". but I'd prefer to nominate someone making an active contribution to today's industry. One I particularly respect is Stuart Neame, of the Kent brewers Shepherd Neame. Like us all. Stuart objects to the unfairly high levels of taxation on beer. But, as a regional brewer whose consumer heartland is worst affected by floods of cheap imports. Stuart has made righting this situation a personal crusade, and he has fought a tenacious and high-profile legal battle to overturn the Government's policies. I respect his stand and the passion he shares with everyone else who is a success in this industry, to produce quality products without compromising on the brewing art.

Simon Loftus Chairman.

Adnams and Company Pic THE BREWING industry is in turmoil partly because we have so few



their objectives. So many companies allow themselves to be dominated by the short-term demands of institutional shareholders, and few companies have responded adequately to the needs and expectations of the consumer. This is particularly true of companies proud of brewing "real ale" - witness the demise of Marstons.

The keys to sustainable success are strong brands, effective and flexible systems, and highly motivated teams with a clear sense of purpose and a real commitment to customer satisfaction. The company

under the leadership of Anthony not-too-distant future. I hope of place in London. Adnams will also be a contender.

Tim Bridge Chief Executive,

Greene King Plc someone specific in the industry because the business has changed, integrating other aspects of the hospitality trade rather than the purely linear business of brewing. But the management team that impressed me is running Fullers. The an absolute enthusiasm for beer lands when it was ailing - it had no

the fortunes of the business and put Fuller and Michael Turner. In the it where it is now - occupying pride

> Jim Burrows Chief Executive. Brakspear and Sons Pic

I HAVE a high regard for David James Arkell IT IS tricky to have to pick out Thompson of Wolverhampton and Dudley, probably because of his impressive intellect. He is also pas- THE PERSON who instantly springs sionate about beer, which is to mind is Jasper Clutterbuck, becoming increasingly rare in the business. David doesn't come from the production side, but he still has bread director who took over Mor-

which is so important. I'd also like to nominate Mike Foster, Brakspear's new chairman. He's been I can tell, he is bomb-proof - it is impossible to fluster him. He's a calm and collected individual, which is vital in any business.

Managing Director,

Arkells Brewery Ltd who recently retired as chairman of Morlands. He was a former Whit-

beer brand of its own and its tenants were unhappy. When he was in charge, Morlands was approached for takeover by one of those large predators, but Jasper fought them off and built up the brewery - they now have their famous brand, Old Speckled Hen. Thanks to him, it went from a sleepy family business into a decent-sized profitable company. As for people in the business at the moment, I much admire Anthony Fuller. He's flavour of the month because of his beers and his profitability. He managed to handle the families involved and he's kept them all interested and united. He's also a fighter for the brewers' business and chairman of several trade organisations. There was a traditional divide between family-owned companies and national breweries and he managed to present a united front to the Government for both sides of the industry.

David Goodwin Chairman.

WE AT Camra admire three breweries in England at the moment for three different reasons. The Neames at Shepherd Neame are doing great work promoting the harmonisation of beer duty across Europe - they are losing a lot of money through bootleggers who pop across to France for cheaper alcohol. Then there's Wolverhampton and Dudley in the charge of David Thompson. It has shown outstanding commitment to the community pub and oversized glasses so the customer always gets a full pint. And finally, Fullers, under the aegis of Anthony Fuller, which has been extremely successful in promoting real ales.

Robert Neame Chairman,

Shepherd Neame Ltd

THE MAN who most impresses me is Brian Stewart at Scottish and Newcastle. The moves Scottish has made with him at the helm have been superbly timed to position the company at the forefront of the business. The industry is changing to integrate other hospitality-based businesses, but Brian has ensured Scottish and Newcastle hasn't become absorbed in the leisure area to the cost of its brewing base. His clear vision helped rejuvenate our trade organisation, BLRA, and helped him to remain a spokesman for the industry while still being an architect of its reconstruction for the 21st century.

Michael Watts Chief Executive.

Morland Pic THE INDUSTRY is made up from many diverse companies, but those who stand out for me are Brian with us for six months and as far as Stewart of Scottish and Newcastle. who has turned a regional company into the largest national, Miles Templeman of Whitbread is also a man from the top end of the business who deserves praise for developing Stella Artois into one of the most popular beers in the country. Stuart Neame of Shepherd Neame has to be mentioned because he's fighting a cause for the industry to streamline British beer duties with European ones.

INTERVIEWS BY SALLY CHATTERTON

MY FAVOURITE RESTAURANT

## Green gourmet goes organic

DALE VINCE is managing director of The Renewable Energy Company, the UK's first and Europe's largest Green electricity supplier. For him, business is an extension of his environmental beliefs.

So his favourite restaurant is Woodruffs Organic Café in Stroud. Gloucestershire, which claims to be the country's first 100 per cent organic eatery: "I like organic stuff but I'm also a bit of a fussy eater and they can cater for me.



gave up eating wheat after not eating any while I was in Kyoto for the climate conference. "I'm a vegan and I recently I'm feeling much better for it." a deal with Thames Water, Stroud, Glos (01453 762250)

Whether for a mid-morning snack of honey and porridge. made with organic oats and soya milk, or lunch of a Thai curry or Italian fennel bake, he says he doesn't have to pay more than £5 at Woodruffs but "you certainly get full up".

The people who run the

café are "enthusiastic about

what they do and the cooking is fantastic". Vince, 37, is not keen on much wining and dining." doing business in London, though having recently signed

himself having to visit the capital about twice a month. He prefers conducting busi-

ness in Stroud, where he is based, and says he would have no hesitation about taking business associates for lunch at Woodruffs. But he adds: "It's not as pleasant as doing the job. I prefer to get down to the issues. You can do too

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### BOOK OF THE WEEK

## Family fortune's rise and fall

**Business and the Brand** by Jonathan Mantle (Little Brown, £17.99)

BENETTON the book is a bit like Benetton the brand. It starts with colour, freshness, and is full of interest. It grows into something comprehensive, international, vibrant, stimulating and challenging. It finishes as something slightly confused, losing authority and leaving lots of questions unanswered.

What really happened to sales volumes, year on year, and country by country, as the brand lost its way, and allowed Gap and others to take the high ground of added value, mass market fashion? To judge from the book there was little change in the inexorable growth of business on a global scale. The closing of stores and the bankruptcy of franchisees is presented as a temporary adjustment. It is justified, in a phrase that is unfortunate in the light of recent developments, as "cleaning the system".



The supply chain innovations - dyeing whole garments after they had been made and the realtime Electronic Point of Sale systems developed by the in-house IT maestro, Professor Zuccaro, are covered with insight and plenty of background colour. This is the pioneering period for Benetton, when their two seasons a year, with the ability to react quickly with flash orders, were revolutionising the clothing industry.

Once Gap arrive on the

scene the book is muted on the company's response.

The book is very good on the family origins, and the evolution and development of the brand. The story of Leone the father who bravely left for Albania to secure the family's future - to return home broken in health with malaria, and unable to provide as he would have wished for his family, is touchingly told.

Luciano Benetton, the oldest of the four children, took up the mantle, at the age of 10, of the family's chief breadwinner. His younger sister. Giuliana, even then extremely talented in clothing design and make-up, made nearly

all the clothes for the family. Luciano left school early, worked in a clothing store, and began to sell the colourful and original sweaters that Giuliana had produced in her spare time. The sales grew and grew, work was subcontracted, and stores selling their goods exclusively were eventually opened. The Benetton franchise system was unusual, but in the early author

least, highly effective.
The book also deals well with the development of Edizione, the totally family-owned holding company that diversified into other areas, and became a big player in Italian business. In addition, some of the darker sides of business development are handled well, including the sometimes breathtaking shenanigans that went on in Benetton Formula One motor racing (particularly those involving

Michael Schumacher). Overall, Benetton is a book that is both engaging and illuminating. For full satisfaction, it is perhaps best to approach it as an excellent holiday read, with business side benefits, rather than a must-read piece of business education.

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Tim Drake co-founded Cobra Sports in 1979, and sold it in 1992, when it was turning over £17m. He is now a retail strategy consultant and an

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## Everyone out of step in the housing market

THERE MAY not seem to be much of an immediate connection, but the news that the Bradford & Bingley is being forced reluctantly to demutualise seems a good moment to revisit the strange and so far unexplained mystery of the divergent house price indices. For many years there have been two prominent indices that track changes in

house prices in England & Wales. Both are prepared by prominent mortgage lenders – one by the Halifax, the other by the Nationwide Building Society. For many years, it was difficult to find much daylight between the results. Suddenly, about two to three years ago, something strange occurred. The two indices began to march at a quite different pace. For most of the past two years, house prices as recorded by the Nationwide have been growing substantially faster

than those recorded by the Halifax In the third quarter of 1997, the prices were 12.5 per cent higher monitors in setting interest rates.

than they had been 12 months pre- Having been embarrassed a year viously. According to the Halifax. however, the annual rate of increase was barely half that amount, 6.6 per cent. For three quarters in a row the rate of increase shown by the first index was more than double that shown by the second.

Although the gap has narrowed a little more recently, the divergent readings of the Halifax and Nationwide indices continues. Confused? You are not the only one. The divergence between the two indices is noteworthy because the two series had so closely tracked each other before. The fact that they are now marching in different directions casts an obvious doubt over their reliability as an indicator of what is happening to prices and

economic activity in this country. The difference is important, not just to impatient homeowners, but to economic policymakers as well. House price inflation is one of the Nationwide index recorded that key indicators the Bank of England

ago into a misguided interest rate change by rogue readings from the statistics on average earnings, the Bank's monetary policy committee has been concerned to try to find out what has gone wrong with the house price indices on which they were once happy to rely.

As I discovered last week, when I dropped in on a Bank-sponsored seminar on this issue, the house price issue has prompted a fever ish bout of analysis and soulsearching by the country's statistical profession. The two rival indices have been taken apart and backtested repeatedly, both internally and by independent experts, to try to eliminate all the most obvious reasons why they might suddenly have started to diverge. We now have it on the best statistical authority that many of the expla-

nations simply don't hold water For example, one popular view has been that the difference simply reflects the fact that the

### JONATHAN **DAVIS**

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Nationwide typically lends money on more properties in the richer South whereas the Halifax is more heavily concentrated in the North and Midlands. The statistical analysis is quite conclusive, however, that this is not the cause of the divergence in the price indices. (Common sense would suggest that if this were the cause, it would have shown up before the 1997 hiatus.) Both indices, it should be said, were constructed with the advice of outside experts and are based on sufficiently large samples to produce

statistically significant results.

The conclusion of the various expert speakers at the seminar was that the divergence in the house price indices remains, officially, a mystery. So concerned has the Bank itself become that it has started its own house-price index, based on data held at the Land Registry. The advantage of this data is that it is based on actual prices paid for properties, including those bought with cash. The

contrast are based on the prices borrowers have agreed to pay at the mortgage application stage. By definition, the data in their

two indices excludes the 25 per cent or so of properties that are bought without a mortgage each year. The drawback of the Bank index is that the Land Registry data does not include the detailed breakdown of transactions by type and size of bouse that the two building society samples provide. So it provides very few meaningful explanations of how and why house prices are changing. For the record, however, the Land Registry data suggests that house prices are, in fact, rising at a rate which is about halfway between that recorded by the Hal-

ifax and the Nationwide. The one surprise to me in this great debate is that all the statisticians are failing to use the one faculty that might help them to unravel the mystery, which is common sense. It is surely more than

Halifax and Nationwide indices by coincidence that the divergence arises during the period when Halifax was preparing to demutualise and Nationwide was stepping up its campaign to remain the leading mutually owned building society.

We know that the Halifax's share of the mortgage market has fallen sharply since its flotation, while that of the Nationwide has increased. The gap between the two lenders' mortgage rates has suddenly become very wide. The two lenders are pursuing very different lending strategies. At the same time, the market has been experiencing an unprecedented degree of competi-tion, with the widescale use of cashbacks, discounted mortgages, flexible loans and all the rest of it.

In other words, we have been witnessing unique and unprecedented behavioural changes on both sides of the lending equation. The moral is: don't put too much reliance on any indicator of prices until the war between mutuals and démutualisers has run its course.

SHAREWATCH

## Should you invest in... pharmaceutical companies?

THE PHARMACEUTICALS SECTOR has been a source of strong growth, despite the potentially high-risk nature of a business heavily dependent on research and development of new products, and patent protection. The more mature business of chemicals manufacture has also been largely out of favour

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Glenn Meyer of Pavilion Asset Management says: "The two sectors seem to act in opposition. Pharmaceuticals are generally growth stocks and chemical companies tend to be highly cyclical. Pharmaceuticals have a much clearer and chemical sector moves in line with the world economy and is much more volatile.

Jeremy Batstone of NatWest Stockbrokers has a different focus."Pharmaceuticals have been very volatile and the sector has tended to lag the market," he says. "People are looking more for value as the economy has improved, away from more defensive growth areas like pharmaceuticals."

Mark Mathias, head of investment funds at Rea Brothers Investment Management. agrees the sector's long-term growth potential is undisputed. Mathias, whose firm runs two specialist pharmaceutical funds, says: "There is the trend to ageing populations in the OECD countries, with the highest proportion of lifetime healthcare expenditure coming in the last two years of life, underpinned by the significant increase in healthcare research BY KEIRON ROOT

expenditure. At the same time, the OECD governments are trying to rein in the cost of government-subsidised healthcare and the way you do that is to spend more on drugs to keep people out of hospital." North America's political

debate about state-funded medical programmes has added to the uncertainty, says "Proposed legislation in count for over 30 per cent of US outpatient drug spending and this will affect pharmaceutical companies - the FT suggests it would impact earnings by

between 10 and 15 per cent." Thomas says the plans will probably not come to fruition but the debate is affecting share prices. "It is a political hot potato but given the Republican position in Congress, we are not so sure it will be enacted."

Size is also going to be a key element in future corporate earnings. "When it comes down to it healthcare is not an optional expenditure and the amounts spent on it are going to rise," adds Mathias. "There is very good long-

term earnings visibility in the pharmaceutical sector and mergers of large companies. You can sell the same drugs into different markets, and IT helps keep control in multinational companies."

Batstone says: "There is still a lot of scope for mergers and acquisitions in the pharmaceutical sector. Critical mass is the key force driving consolidation because of the large spend on R&D. The quicker you can develop a new drug from scratch, the longer you will have the benefit of its patent protection, but without the scale you haven't got the

size or funds for research." Nigel Thomas, manager of -- Every major player is in the ABN Amro's UK Growth Fund. frame. "SmithKline Beecham is mentioned on a fairly regular Medicare reform will limit basis but Glaxo Wellcome is spending on outpatient drug also rumoured to be looking at

Glenn Meyer says: "The UK chemical sector has underperformed the market, but overseas firms seem to value UK chemical companies more highly than the market does."

Stock selection is the key. "Concentrate on chemical sector stocks which focus on profitable areas, such as BTP. which constantly refreshes its portfolio," he says. "Avoid larger companies, which tend to underperform the market." There is scope for the active

share trader. Meyer adds: "ICI has been a relatively poor performer for a long time, but with short periods of outperformance, so timing is everything. Look at manufacturers of industrial chemicals. The problem here is that you very quickly reach overcapacity and have a fairly low return on capital."

By contrast, the bulk of investor interest in the drugs



A technician at work for Glaxo Wellcome, one of the biggest stocks in the pharmaceuticals sector

#### The fall in Kingfisher's price since the merger with Asda was announced reflects a basic misunderstanding of the medium term benefits, reckons Investec Henderson Crosthwaite. which ranks the shares (746p) a strong buy. The deal would also enhance Kingfisher's earnings 14 per cent to around 36p, putting the shares on a multiple of less than 21 times (compared with 28 times before the news). The broker reckons Wal-Mart is more interested in Continental expansion, especially in Germany, while a rival bid from Europe is also seen as unlikely. For those who carp about Kingfisher buying into a lower-growth and lower-rated food company, the derating has already taken

**Buy Handover International** (116p), a small, emerging fourstar hotel company, which is set for steady expansion over the next few years, says Teather & Greenwood. The shares do look very undervalued, with the company's net asset value per share of 226p well ahead of the

#### "There aren't that many pure pharmaceutical companies below £1bn in size. Shire Pharmaceuticals and Medeva, with Galen in Ireland, are the only mid-sized ones and once below a certain size they are largely bio-techs, of which we like Celltech and Phytopharm." Jeremy Batstone adds:

There are a lot of stocks in the

sector relatively cheap, with the possible exception of AstraZeneca. Giaxo Wellcome still looks good value at around £19. We would suggest it could get up to maybe £21,50 or £22 in the short to medium term." Another key player in the

sector is SmithKline Beecham. where investors were holding off until the US Food & Drug Administration (FDA) ruled on Avandia, its new diabetes treatment, last week. Batstone adds: "The ruling was positive and SmithKline could be looking at sales of \$1.5bn to \$2bn."

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### NO PAIN, NO GAIN: OUR MAN'S PORTFOLIO

## Four go up and only one down

FOUR OF the six shares tipped since this column was launched two months ago are recording gains. One is unchanged and the other is, sadly, showing a loss. Although the Pain portfolio is intended to offer a longterm investment strategy it is still satisfying to achieve more short-term hits than misses. I remain content with the

first half-a-dozen tips but must admit to the odd pang of anxiety over Regal Hotel, the nation's third largest hotel chain. Regal, which was the first

share to be selected for the portfolio, is the one lurking in the dumps. From a price of 29.5p it has fallen to 26.5p, even touching 25.5p for a time. As far as I am aware nothing untoward has occurred.

Profits, if not spectacular, were satisfactory, the report and accounts moderately encouraging. Yet Regal's decline has taken place in a generally more positive climate for the hotel industry, underlined by an unsuccessful bid approach to Jarvis Hotels, and Millennium & Copthorne's ambitious £556m overseas expansion.



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Gowrings, the Burger King fast food restaurants to car dealing group, is the unchanged share, losing a modest

gain to settle at 103.5p. Paramount, the pubs chain,

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performed well, with speculation about various forms of corporate action making a significant contribution. emerges as the early star of the

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Allied Domecq, interim figures tomorrow, is once again feeling the pressure of speculation about a demerger, or, perhaps, the much-needed spirits link with another international player. From a 482.5p tip price the shares have frothed to 521p, despite what is expected to be a weak profits display.

Although it is rarely wrong to take a profit I can see no urgent need to ditch Safeway or Allied. Even if the speculative excitement fades and corporate action fails to materialise there is always another day. Both groups have to pull their corporate socks up or they will be taken out of their misery.

The two shares continue to offer the comfort of accommodating dividend yields in these low interest-rate days. Safeway is on 5 per cent and Allied 4.8 per cent.

# Spread your bets across the market

S STOCK markets climb ever skyard, breaking new highs week fter week, savers who are not inested in equities must be feeling

But successful investing is not bout sticking some money in a few ompanies' shares, standing back nd watching it grow. In fact, unless ou have an excellent stockbroker. now the inside track on a compaly or are prepared to devote a conato monitoring your investments, outting money directly into the stock narket could leave you with a sour aste in your mouth and a considrably smaller nest-egg.

The trick is - as the investment ndustry's mantra goes - not to eep all your eggs in one basket. Diersification is the name of the ame. And for most people, unless ou have hundreds of thousands of ounds to invest, the best route to stock market success is likely to be hrough a collective investment in many ways. scheme such as a unit trust or inestment trust.

What nearly all of those in this position are looking for is to build a balanced investment portfolio. The reation of any investment portfolio segins with two fundamental quesions - what objectives are you rying to achieve with this capital. and what level of risk are you willing to take in planning a suitable

investment strategy? Overwhelmingly: the two primary objectives will be to generate income and to achieve capital growth. with the balance between the two determined by the circumstances of the individual concerned. Much of the choice between the two will depend on personal goals. You may wish to build more capital for retirement, to boost current income. or perhaps to save for a specific purBY CLAIRE BURSTON

ance will be the operative word when it comes to choosing the investment funds.

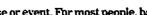
Graham Bates, of the independent financial adviser Bates Investment Services, in Leeds, says: "Your investment portfolio should be anchored with a solid core of fixed interest securities that will provide iderable amount of time and effort a predictable return. But clearly, a sensible investment strategy will also include an element of equity interm, since equities have historically proved to far outperform the relatively modest growth of both cash deposits and securities."

Today's increasingly knowledgeable and sophisticated investors are familiar with the principle that risk tends to rise in direct proportion to returns, but "risk" in the investment arena can be interpreted

As far as equities are concerned. in its strictest sense risk can be literal. The value of an equity investment can go down as well as up, so that if for any reason you are obliged to sell an equity holding at a time when its price is lower than you

"For cautious investors, it may not be this ultimate risk that frightens them away from the markets, but simply the prospect of volatility and unpredictability that at their worst can make equity investment something of a rollercoaster ride." says Bates. "The key is to appreciate the different levels of equity risk."

The developed stock markets of the UK US and continental Europe over three years it has lost almost are likely to provide far greater stability than you would expect from less developed and more unpre-



pose or event. For most people, bal-

originally paid, you will make a loss.

Equity investment can be a rollercoaster ride but putting money into Japanese stock market funds has returned 40 per cent in the past year America or the Asian countries. But in the past few years this strat-Economic and market cycles have egy may not have produced the always produced ups and downs in best returns. Over the past year to equity values and almost certainly mid-April an investor who put a third always will. The table below illusof their savings into each of the avtrates this point and shows which erage performing unit trusts in the Europe, the UK and US would unit trust sectors have been the best have achieved a return of 7.25 per and worst performers over the past three years.

The average Japanese fund has been the best-performing over the trust would have grown just 0.99 per past year, returning 40 per cent, but 18 per cent, making it the 21st worstperforming sector out of 25.

fund growing 88.67 per cent.

The average UK growth unit cent. If the money was split four ways and invested in Japan, too, the return would be even higher at 12.52 per cent. Over three years, the

the return from the three-way split was 107.99 per cent, the UK average

So where do you start? Peter Jet-Fund Research, says: "The key to a good fund is one which is managed sound and disciplined investment process and sticks to it. The process must be applied consistently. A good fund manager will also apply risk controls so the fund will not deviate Most investors' portfolios are three-way split achieved 59.52 per too much from a benchmark. It is im-

by 53.86 per cent and over five years the market return as possible."

Choice is clearly critical. But in an already crowded financial marketplace, making the right choices can be difficult. There are more than freys, managing director at leading 2,000 unit trusts on offer. The choice fund analysts Standard & Poor's of products is changing and expanding all the time, equity markets rise and fall, and interest rates flucby someone who has developed a tuate. Regular monitoring is vital. Your objectives and circumstances may also change.

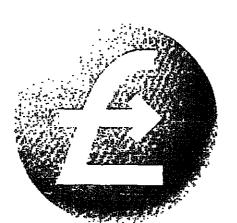
In principle, creating and managing the right investment portfolio is straightforward: objectives and risks; balance and diversification; sedictable markets such as Latin heavily weighted towards the UK. cent while the average UK fund grew portant to give investors as close to lection, good advice, monitoring portfolio development.

and management. In practice, it is complicated hugely by the confusion of choice and the vagaries of

Today we start a regular column which should help you not only to pick funds from the vast array on offer, but also enable you to monitor your portfolio once those investments have been made.

With the help of Standard & Poor's Fund Research I will look at sectors, regions and themes, picking out the funds to give the savvy investor some useful ideas as both a starting point and to aid your

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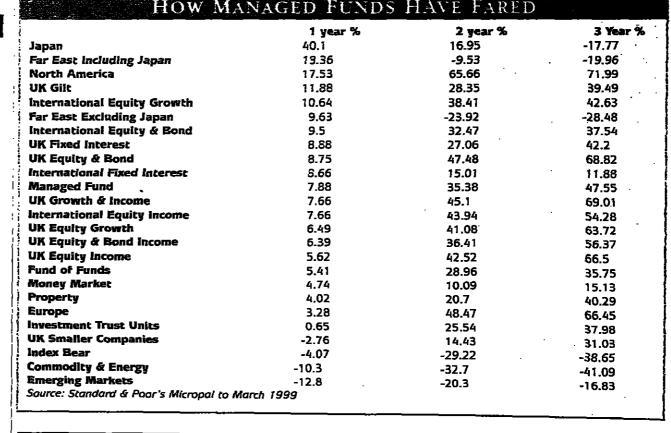


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### MY BIGGEST-MISTAKE: JEFF STANTON

## **Quick solutions prove costly**

MY BIGGEST mistake was to act too quickly without consulting my staff. I would put that mistake down to the impetuousness of youth: it occurred when I was 26 and had just taken a role as a financial manager When I got there, I was amazed. It had a Dickensian approach: I had inherited a financial department of about 40 people, split into 15 individual sections in about 10 offices. There were lots of partitions.

I had been there for about a month and thought it was ridiculous. The first thing was to make a smaller number of larger sections, so I talked to the office manager and we decided to actually break down the barriers physically. We didn't tell anyone, but we came in on a weekend and did it. When everyone came in on Monday, the partitions were down and the desks - which had been facing the front, like a school-

room – were rearranged. and everybody will be very pedal a bit and say, "I should

Jeff Stanton, 50, trained as a chartered accountant, joining Hotpoint and moving to Currys, where he became finance

director in 1982. He subsequently became director of rental firm Granada and was headhunted as chief executive of business services firm Cert plc

pleased. It was funny on the have consulted you". It was a Sunday, but not on the Monday. I had a deposition from the staff, who were very upset. They said they needed their offices for privacy. They also said that if they faced each other, germs and this would cause serious problems. I had to decide



company that had been doing things a particular way for a long time.

In the end, everybody accepted it had been a stupid situation, but nobody had had would spread more quickly, the wherewithal to do anything about it because they felt too many people would be upset. whether to say, "This is a load My job, after the change, was My thinking was: this is good of rubbish", or whether to back- to use some charm and say, "I've done it now: let's see how

it goes." The problems could have been avoided by taking things more slowly: it was about managing change. I can't remember people skills being

part of my accountancy course. It was a lesson for the future. and as I have changed roles and become more senior and been involved in acquisitions, I've learnt that things are never what you expect. At one company, I took over a similar company and we spent ages producing a detailed plan, only to find it wasn't exactly what we anticipated. I have learnt to say, count to 10, and don't try to change anything until you have been working in that environment for a length of time.

At Cert, we acquired a new sales business last August and we committed to the people we bought it from that we would not change until 1999. Until you are involved in the business, you cannot understand it. It's easy to come up with a quick answer that proves to be an expensive mistake.

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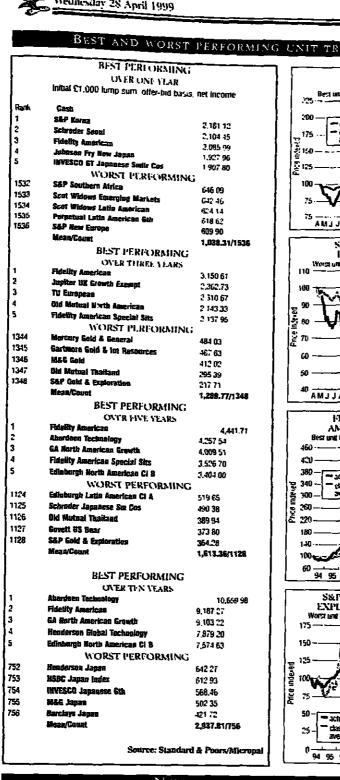
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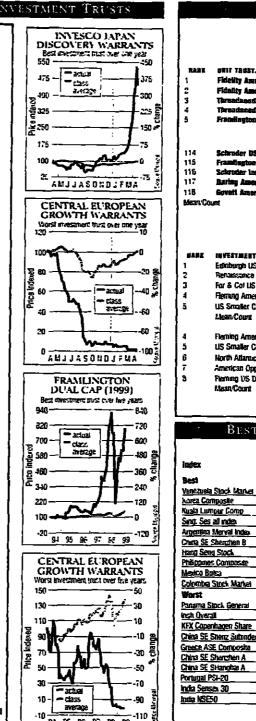
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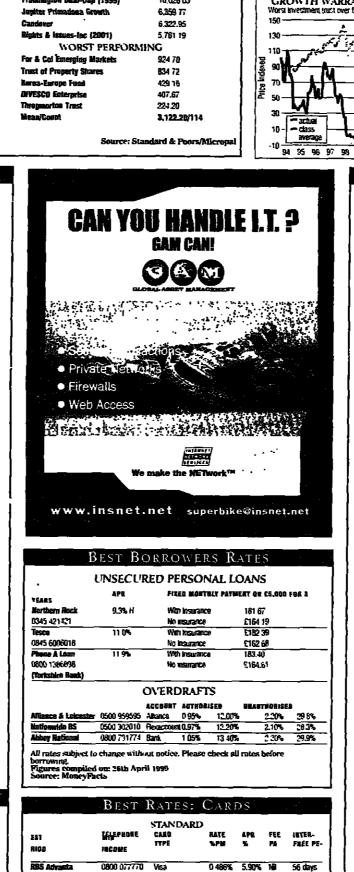
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## FINANCE

## Dealer who opted out had loads of bottle

I'M ROUND at Jane's place eating everyone she knows in the City the company car and the six-figure takeaway Thai, and the conversation is flowing almost as swiftly as mit. Not that this is much of a surthe Veuve Clicquot. It's one of those cosy evenings you usually have with a small gang of really close friends, so it's a bit of a surprise that the only other guest is Toby, whom I've never met before in my life.

Jane's been longing to intro-duce us for ages. "He's an old family friend. He used to do what you do, only he got bored and threw it all in to set up a brewery in Somerset. He's doing really well. I thought he might inspire you."

Jane, bless her heart, thinks

ought to leave as soon as funds per-salary.

"It's hard to know where to prise, given that she works in corporate finance. After all, if you'd spent your first year at work photocopying prospectuses, you might

share her opinion. It's all a far cry from the trading floor. Of course, everyone has bad days, but we can usually find something to keep our minds occupied, even if it's only making up product lines for fictional companies. I can't imagine ever getting sick of this little game, so I'm intrigued to know what made Toby throw in the towel,

begin," he says, looking thoughtful. "Apart from anything else, it was so long ago it feels almost as if it happened to someone else. I mean, it was the Eighties. But I suppose my first wave of uneasiness was over the unemployment figures."

I raised my eyebrows and asked him what he meant by that. Surely the only time a trader worried about numbers was when they'd done a trade and suddenly had an inkling they'd made a mistake. "Or at bonus time," said Jane drily.



### THE TRADER

What made him throw in the towel, the car and the huge salary?

they flashed up on the screen and I said, 'Oh good, unemployment's would move in our favour. Then I realised I was happy because a lot of people had lost their jobs. I saw what an amoral person the City had turned me into."

Anyway from then on the whole Thatcherite dream began to lose its gloss. He found it harder and harder to get out of bed in the morning. He stopped reading the financial pages and started reading the film reviews instead. He

Toby smiled. "The figures from took to leaving his desk in the mid-the US were due out, and at 1.30pm dle of the day for 15 minutes of fresh air. When he started going home on time, his bosses suggested he up' because it meant the markets might like to work elsewhere. He agreed - he resigned.

"So I'd done my bit for the un-employed by joining them," Toby said. "Not that those out-of-work Americans would have understood the irony of the situation, of course. Anyway, I had my latest bonus to keep me solvent so I wasn't going to starve. Then a friend gave me a beer-making kit, and I've never looked back. I'm a much better person for having left the City. I can't them all."

paused, and my heart sank. On no. I thought, any minute now he's going to start talking about the delights of real ale and we'll never get him to stop. "Is that the time?" I

said. "I must go."

Jane rang the next morning, sounding furious. "The nerve of the man," she said. "All that stuff about being a better person for having left the City. It turns out he's just sold his company to one of the big breweries for an absolute fortune. He's gone in this morning to tell his staff ... and then he's going to sack

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payer in an era of self-assessment? to understand the basic principles on which the tax system is based.

BY KEITH DANIELS

periencing difficulty in keeping pace with all the changes. Increasing reliance has to be placed on software suppliers who are themselves invited to cope with significant changes without due notice.

The introduction of a 10 per cent tax rate just 27 days before it becomes effective is a case in point. Welcome as that policy change is to However, the devil is in the detail. In many members of our community, just two years, three Finance Acts has full consideration been given to have added nearly 1,000 pages to pri- all the practicalities? Will payrolls be mary legislation, not to mention a correctly calculated in the early plethora of statutory instruments months of the new tax year? How many software houses are already operating at full stretch coping with Where does this leave the tax- the millennium bug, euros and electronic commerce, not to mention a Confused, bemused and struggling tax system that seems to change almost every day?

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Scheme but largely remains intact. Few would doubt that the Government has set about its review of the UK tax system with a zeal and enthusiasm that is leaving many members of the tax profession gasping for breath. There is a genuine concern that the software industry is unable to cope with the rapid

within the Enterprise Investment

changes taking place.

a simplification of the tax system. Modern commercial life is itself a complicated subject. The complexity of the tax system simply reflects developments in legal, accounting and commercial thinking.

Modernisation is a concept with which the Government is familiar. We must modernise the tax system without delay. Collaboration between politicians, revenue authorities, tax advisers, businessmen and others interested in the smooth working of the tax system is essential if a meaningful reduction in compliance burdens is to be secured.

A fair tax system is one that can be understood by all taxpayers. We have a long way to go before that ideal can be attained in the UK.

The writer is the president of the Chartered Institute of Taxation, The institute of which I am proud and a partner at KPMG



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Jon Moulton hired Eric Walters at Schroder Ventures in 1987. Ten years later, he founded private equity firm Alchemy Partners and invited Walters to join him. Last year, Alchemy came second only to 3i in the buyout league tables



Eric Walters (left) and Jon Moulton of Alchemy: 'We have got to a stage where we don't have a great deal to prove - we work because we enjoy it'

ON MOULTON: The first contact I had with Eric was through Allen Sheppard, chief executive of Grand Metropolitan. GM wanted Eric to be part of the management in the States, and Eric didn't want to go. I heard he would make a good hire, and he joined me at Schroder Ventures, which I was running.

I had set it up in spring 1985 after working for Citycorp in New York: I was advising in leveraged buyouts in 1980, and came back a year later

Eric joined Schroder with the intention of being on the industrial and commercial side of the business. He was one of two people looking after things and sorting problems, rather than deal execution. To some extent, he has remained in that mode. He is loved by managers, sometimes to excess. It's very difficult to imagine Eric as a duplicitous conspirator. He expects me to look after the

With Eric what you see is what you get: you know exactly where you are with him. He's bright and extremely decisive and he gets 90 per cent of decisions right. He's very ornised very tidy: his office desk is clean and he doesn't leave a meeting with open issues. His personal life is the same way. He's married to a Swiss lady, and that seems appropriate.

Schroder wanted their ball back in 1993. They'd given too much independence to the

'Venture capital is a sort of heaven to me. i go home most days and say: "Guess what happened to me?"'

troops. I had built it up from myself and a secretary to a huge business. In that year, we had realised over 100 per cent of the cost basis of the portfolio. I went to Apax for two years. That was good, but not perfect: it is a group with lots of meetings and discussions. Eventually that irritated me - so I set Alchemy up on 20 January

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We do have one terrible defect - we like to go to bed early. So when we go to the theatre, we go to matinees, because we both need to sleep.

RIC WALTERS: I was working for Grand Met-ropolitan and Allen Sheppard started talking about how he enjoyed working with Jon Moulton. I had never met him. I didn't want to go to America for family reasons. I got a pay-off, and a smart headhunter rang me and put me in the direction of Schroder Ventures. I found Jon incisive and decisive, a kindred spirit.

He would never settle in a place such as Schroder. There was a spat, and that particular spat had its human dramas, but there was never any drama between me and Jon. I was absolutely of his camp. If he had founded Alchemy at that point, I would have joined him, and I told him that. He chose to join Apax. He underplayed himself. He thought if he set up on his own, it would take a long time to see money from institutions. He was wrong: he didn't understand his own worth. He just couldn't believe it could be done so quickly.

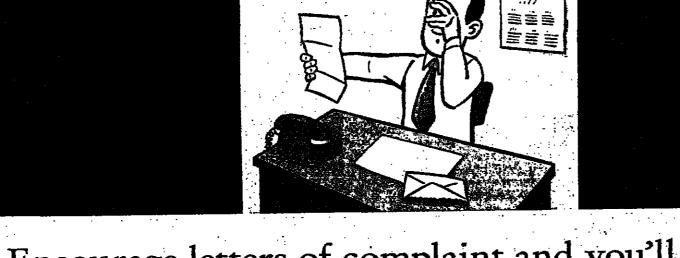
I stayed with Schroder Ventures but I was bored out of my brain because of the absence of Jon and the scale of it. It's a big operation. There were lots of meetings and committees. Jon said to me: "Stop fooling round. Come and join me." He had just started Alchemy. My daughter said: "You love working with Jon and you always talk about him. Why don't you go and join him?" I thought: "You're right."

Venture capital, to me, is like some sort of heaven. I go home most days and say: "Guess what happened to me?" It's a complete buzz non-stop. Being at Alchemy is like the early days at Schroder Ventures, and people say to me: "You're reinvigorated." It's a combination of working with Jon and the small scale in terms of bodies. It's to do with the hunter-gatherer syndrome, being in groups of 5 to 15. We genuinely don't have clogged arteries.

We focus on difficult deals. That's easy to say and a lot of people talk about it, but you can't just wake up one morning and say: "We'll do loss-making transactions." For us, it's pretty cool. It's not by chance. We have a tremendous mix of different backgrounds, and that's vital. I've learnt a tremendous amount and I'm still learning. I'm Steady Eddy: I react evenly. I'm not casual, but I take everything calmly Jon is more mercurial. It's a good combination, but our views tend to come into line.

Jon was really focused in creating something, but he has loosened up and he'll take a long weekend in France, and go skiing. I am not a financial guy - I learnt on the job - but working with Jon has opened a window on a world I had never

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# Death by television



### BY DEBORAH ORR

Southeast. There were a couple of brief sentences, saying that she had been stabbed outside her home in west London, and taken to hospital in an ambulance. My initial assumption was that this must have been a mugging, or perhaps what has come to be known as a care-in-the-community incident. Certainly, it must have been "a random act of senseless violence", not a common occurrence but not so rare that the phrase doesn't trip off the tongue. At this stage it was fervently to be hoped that this unlucky woman would make a

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But at the end of the programme, a newsflash came up, and Jennie Bond announced that Dando, the "ordinary but extraordinary" girl-next-door, was dead. Then, with the kind of ironic flourish that is a consequence of the weird fact-meets-fiction hyperworld of daytime television, Neighbours came on.

I went out to meet a friend who freelances for the Daily Mail. On the car radio as I made the journey, Jack Straw was making a statement to the House of Commons regretting the loss of Jill Dando. Tony Blair had already issued a statement. This also seemed strange for, although this death was a tragedy, it was not connected with the affairs of government. Anyway, the fact that this same Tony Blair had been arguing for days that the Jill Dandos of Serbia were legitimate targets in bombing attacks was a little jarring.

By the time I'd met my friend from the Mail, she'd already made the Crimewatch connection. We both felt sure that the murderer had been either a celebrity stalker or some other kind of loony who had been imprisoned due to the programme. Not random violence, then, but planned violence. Worse, more sin-

been a victim of violent crime on the not have been stabbed, she may instead have been their own sense of loss. were pouring in - not least one from the Queen books of condolence had been opened, and flowers were piling up. And by this time as well, the first of many comparisons was being made with the death of Princess Diana, or with the murder of John Lennon. Tributes were arriving at the BBC website at the rate of one every two seconds.

A picture of a screen was flashed up on another screen, displaying the first of the messages. At the top was one from a woman who said she thought she had been desensitised to violence - until now. This seemed to me like a tribute no one would like to receive. Is the fact that this tribute has come from someone who has remained unmoved by war in Europe, nail bombs on ethnic communities in Britain, young lives blasted away in distant schoolrooms, supposed to enhance its value? Or does the fact that the murder of a television presenter is found to be more moving than any other death, instead

And another picture was emerging on our television screens, a picture that was new to me. I didn't watch Holiday, or Crimewatch or Songs of Praise. I hadn't seen the first episode of Antiques Inspectors, I don't read OK! or Hello! or Radio Times. I'd never read an interview with Dando or an item of celebrity gossip about her, I'd never felt her warmth ooze into my living room, or made a personal connection with her through the machine in the corner. All of the details about her life and work that were flooding into my head were new.

The man for whom Jill Dando really was the girlnext-door had been on television, explaining how he had found her, unconscious and covered in blood, on their shared doorstep. Her brother, Nigel Dando. also a journalist, came on to say how shattered he was by her loss. Many other newscasters and television presenters, who were her friends as well as

heard the news that Jill Dando had ister, sicker. When I got home I learned that she may her colleagues, appeared on television to speak about and sadnesses he can no longer share with her?

Dando had been open, friendly, compassionate, professional, modest, without snobbery, caring, loving, close to her family, a good friend, a good colleague, a good neighbour. She had been beautiful, unaffected, intelligent, warm, thoughtful, sensitive, happy, positive, optimistic, charming, unassuming.

She had been preparing for her marriage, looking forward to starting a family. She had been a committed Christian, an enthusiastic and diligent charity worker, a loving daughter and sister. She had felt herself to live life on borrowed time for, as a child, she had had a hole in the heart operation. She had been slated as one of the presenters of the BBC's millennium coverage, while her first job, as a reporter on the Weston Mercury, had been secured after she wrote a 500-word essay on the year 2000. Of course, she has not lived to usher it in.

All of this makes her murder seem all the more poignant, even though we know that anyone's murder, whatever their flaws, is equally terrible. And while few people could have watched all of the tributes on television without weeping, my own tears made me feel ashamed.

What could these sentimental tears mean, in comparison to those of Jill Dando's fiance, Mr Alan Farthing? He has lost his love, his future, the children he may have had. He has lost her real presence in his life. Her physical warmth, palpable beside him until yesterday, no longer exists.

How do my tears match up to those of Mr Jack Dando, her father, who held her in his arms as a baby, who brought her up so well, who has lost his wife and now has lost his child? How will he live without her? Is our loss at all comparable to his loss?

How can all these people who feel that they know Jill Dando know her like her brother does, miss her like he does? How many times, as his life goes on without her, will he regret that there are joys

have lost is "a woman who had everything"? For there is something disquieting in this too, as there was in the public reaction to the death of Princess Diana. Are nice, decent people this rare, that it is

a national, not a personal tragedy, when one is lost? Why do we feel the need to display our sadness so openly, with such presumption? We should all know that our own feelings of sadness are of a different, lesser order to those of the people who really did know her. We do not "know how they feel". We only imagine that we do. To claim a personal sense of loss, when we do not know this person at all, is surely self-indulgent.

Both the BBC and ITV broadcast tribute programmes after their early-evening news programmes, as much because this was the loss of someone many of them had known personally as because of the inherent news value of what, at this time, remained the kind of death that could befall

But it was during the ITN tribute, led by Trevor McDonald, that the results of the post-mortem became public knowledge. Jill Dando had been shot in the head. Immediately, one's thoughts turned to the idea of a hitman, a contract killer. The prospect that Jill Dando's life was taken in exchange for money, as a consequence of her television appearances, is truly revolting. The police remain non-committal about connections to Crimewatch, but have said that because of that connection they look on the investigation of Jill Dando's murder as "one of

This, again, I find to be very far from a fitting tribute. Late last night, there were news pictures broadcast of Jill Dando's Fulham home, cordoned off by the police with a shroud of white tarpaulin. News reports assured us that they were searching every inch of the crime scene for forensic evidence.

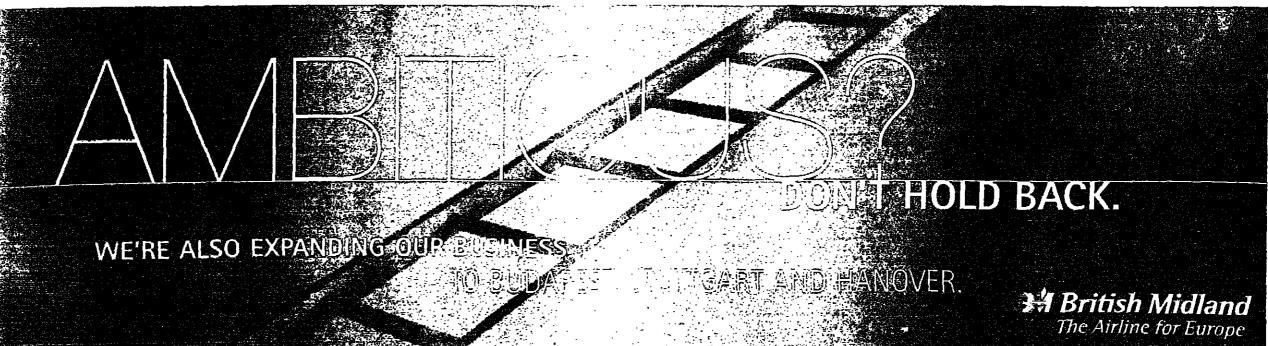
This reminded me of the death of another per-And anyway, is the grief of fathers, brothers, fi-son who was said to be a decent, loving human being Stephen Lawrence lay dying, no police officer even checked to see if the pool of blood he was lying in was coming from him. There was no tarpaulin shroud for him. The wife of an off-duty police officer cradled Stephen Lawrence in her arms while they waited for an ambulance, and whispered to him "you are loved, you are loved".

This wise, compassionate woman spoke the truth more accurately than she could have known. It is because Stephen Lawrence was loved so much that we have heard of him at all. But we have heard of Jill Dando because she had a successful career in television. And while we may now feel like yelling that we loved her, that doesn't make it true.

Whether it was a stalker who killed Jill Dando or a contract killer, the likelihood is that she died as a direct consequence of her fame. The silly sentiment that makes television viewers feel that they knew her is not so different from the corrupted obsession that ended in blame and hate and murder.

The power we invest in celebrity, the significance we imbue it with, and the uniqueness we project on to those in the public eye, is dangerous in itself. We feel we have a right to make these investments, and talk quite casually about the price of fame. When we talk of this, we are often referring to the negative impact that fame often has on celebrities - the drink, the drugs, the neuroticism, the monstrous egotism, the lack of privacy, the failure of relationships and so on. We talk of these "prices" as if we have the right to charge them, as if they are assumed to be worth paying. Jill Dando was not paying any of these prices. She was normal, well-adjusted, happy. And instead the price of her fame has been the ultimate one. Surely, in our celebrity-obsessed, intrusive, prurient culture, there is something to be

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### Justice for all

Sir. I must take issue with Anthony Scrivener QC (Comment, 26 April) on his sideswipe at High Court judges going out on circuit. Somewhat irrationally, he delivers it on the basis that litigants should not have to travel a long way to have their cases (or some aspect of them) heard before a High Court judge. He complains bitterly at barristers and others having to travel to Bristol from London to have a case heard there when it had no connection with Bristol. except that it was where the judge happened to be sitting. Until the recent transfer of

some judicial review sittings to the Northern Circuit from London, I felt much the same way at having to explain to clients why a wholly North-Western judicial review case could only be heard in London, whereas (for example) a professional negligence action or major criminal case could be heard close to home by a High Court judge sitting on circuit, even though the same judge could hear the judicial review case when sitting in London.

Litigants outside London should be able to get convenient justice in their regions equivalent to that available in London to Londoners. High Court judges sitting on this circuit now hear almost the whole range of work from the Queen's Bench, Family and Chancery Divisions.

High Court judges represent the highest quality pool of judicial expertise available nationally. That whole pool should be available to litigants nationally and not just in the capital.

Mr Scrivener's complaint at having to be dragged to Bristol should be directed at the judge in question, not to the circuit system. ANDREW GILBART QC Manchester

### Nato's world role?

Sir: Andrew Marshall ("EU defence force moves step closer". 26 April) states that Nato's new Strategy Concept "is not quite the commitment to a global Nato some in the US had wanted". since it is limited to an ill-defined "Euro-Atlantic area". However, Chapter 24 of that

same Strategic Concept uses language which makes this geographical limitation look somewhat less certain. It states: However, Alliance security must also take account of the global context. Alliance security interests can be affected by other risks of a wider nature, including acts of terrorism. sabotage and organised crime, and by the disruption of the Arrangements exist within the Alliance for consultation among the Allies under Article 4 of the Washington Treaty and, where appropriate, co-ordination of their efforts including their responses to risks of this kind."

Does this mean that Nato will in fact be able to conduct out-of-area operations in the future? TOM McDONALD **British American Security** Information Council London SE1

### Names for genocide

Sir: Alex Callinicos (letter, 23 April) states that the comparison between Hitler and Milosevic made by Ken Livingstone and others, is unsustainable and that the word "genocide" has been wrongly used to describe the actions of Milosevic in Kosovo, He also claims we have a duty to make moral distinctions.

So let us not call these actions

genocide. Let us call them what they are: mass murder, rape, theft, destruction of property and the eviction of tens of thousand of citizens from their homes on the basis of their ethnic origins. Having got the terms right, it now becomes clearer that Nato's attempts to rectify this are totally wrong and that Milosevic is not in any sense to be compared to Hitler but is just a single-minded ruler doing a necessary job that unfortunately involves committing

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"atrocities" that are "undeniably wicked and barbarous" (Professor Callinicos's words).

But as these atrocities fall short of genocide. Nato's war is "futile and foolish". If they could be classed as genocide. Nato's war presumably would be sensible and just. It is not Ken Livingstone's logic that has been exposed by Professor Callinicos's letter, but his own.

Jewish survivors of the Holocaust must be viewing the events unfolding in Kosovo with horror and many will be appalled at the attempts of academics such as Professor Callinicos to invoke the uniqueness of their terror as a means of somehow downgrading the plight of the Kosovan Albanians into a less extreme form of human suffering, thereby questioning the morality of their would be liberators and giving succour to the perpetrator of the atrocities.

There may well be a moral distinction between the two acts of barbarism, as Professor Callinicos claims. There are times, however, when we should be more aware of moral similarities STUART RUSSELL Cirencester,

Gloucestershire

Sir: First we bomb a railway bridge, so cutting the main European international rail connection between Greece and Central Europe, when we could just have bombed the branch line going off from there into Kosovo. Then the bombing of Danube bridges cut that international

Now there has been extensive bombing of rail installations at Nis, which have presumably cut the European international rail route from Central Europe to Bulgaria and Turkey. Downstream of Yugoslavia the next rail crossing of the Danube is not until level with Bucharest, making a distinctly longer route from Central Europe to Turkey and an extremely long way round to western Bulgaria and Greece, even if the railways

thereabouts have the capacity to cope with extra traffic.

Not being a military man. I pass no judgement on the rights and wrongs of bombing things purely Serbian towards a just cause, but I do take exception to the destruction of pan-European transport infrastructure, which will take a long time to rebuild Why can't we at least consider

and negotiate on the Russian peace offer? H TREVOR JONES Guildford. Ѕигтец

Sir. Those with principled objections to the Kosovan war have no party to vote for in the coming local and other elections. They are all equally in favour of this conflict. I suggest that everyone who is against the war spoil his or her ballot paper by writing "peace" across it and placing a cross next to the word. Not only will that be a measure of public opinion, but if Labour is deprived of a majority in the Scottish Parliament, Welsh Assembly and some local authorities, it will be both justified

Sir: Unlike Sandy Walkington

(letter, 26 April), I do not find it

self-evident that St Alban has

saint of England. The case for

St John of Beverley is stronger.

handicapped; his ordination of

our first historian, Bede; and

the fact that Henry V ascribed

the victory of Agincourt on the

John to his intercession means

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that he would appeal to the

on 25 October would be

welcome too!

London NW2

ERIC THOMPSON

compassionate, the educated.

Sir: You report (27 April) that

bowler hat was ousted because

the Bradford & Bingley's

and the patriotic. And a holiday

the best claim to be patron

His care for the poor and

and welcome, given that it is the Labour government which has led us into this disaster. DAVID MASON Newcastle upon Tyne

Sir Isn't it udd that while the Church Commissioners, as the Church of England's financial leaders, rule out investment in British Aerospace on ethical grounds detter, 24 April), the Archbishop of Canterbury, as its spiritual leader, says that the bombing of Yugoslavia ino doubt aided by weaponry designed and manufactured by that same company) is morally justified? RICHARD RAYFIELD Corbridge, Northumberiana

### Right to be gay

Sir: Michael Bell (Letter, 24 April) may not be right that the electorate are two-thirds against lowering the homosexual age of consent. One reputable opinion poll, conducted by NOP showed the electorate supporting this measure by 60 per cent to 40 per cent.

However, rather than argue about where the majority is, I will

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research showed that it was

thought sexist. Had anybody

asked me. I would have said

that it always brought Cabaret

to mind. Surely nobody thinks

context nowadays, and this is

something which upon which

Sir: Stephen Richards (Right

of Reply, 27 April) attempts to

disprove the notion that the

people calling for an English

mentioning support as far

North as Yorkshire. To the

inhabitants of Cleveland,

parliament are Southerners by

the sexy new bank could surely

of bowler hats in any other

capitalise.

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Chinnor, Oxfordshire

argue that human rights issues should not be settled simply by invoking the majority principle. It is those to whom the majority does wish to ceny numan rights, not those to whom it does not whose human rights stand in need of protection.

If Mr Bell wishes to deny that an equal age of consent is a human rights issue, he should remember that the point is at present before the European Court of Human Rights. The preliminary opinion of the court's commission is that it is a human rights issue, and that if we do not pass the Bill we are in breach of articles 8 and 14 of the European Convention of Human Rights. Is this something Mr Bell thinks majority support can justify?

Earl RUSSELL House of Lords

Sir: Michael Bell does not seem to see that equal rights are not a possession of the public or the House of Lords to confer or withhold, but are part of natural justice itself.

The first votes for women were reluctantly accorded only to the

Durham, Tyneside, Cumbria and Northumberland, this does not go very far in defence of his point. ANTHONY POTTS (formerly of Northumberland) London E14

Sir: As a pensioner of 71, I was disturbed by the letter on ageism in the NHS (21 April). During my lifetime enormous scientific resources have been poured into the attempt to raise life expectancy. Now that these efforts have been crowned with some success there are apparently too many of us! What is the point of having a longer life if we who are leading it are to be regarded as an unwanted burden? JEAN JENKINSON

Knott End on Sea, Lancashire

over-30s, against all sort of specious claims that young women matured later than men or would be politically irresponsible.

Now we hear the same sort of wild generalisations - that a consenting 16- to 18-year-old man is less competent and more vuinerable in a same-sex sexual relationship than any woman of the same age. This, too, is blatant bigotry and sexism.

The issue is not what people may do with their maturing political or sexual drives. They may vote for governments which I do not like or choose erotic technique which might repel me. But if they do not threaten my own freedom I have no right to control or threaten theirs. EDWARD TURNBULL Gosforin. Northumberland

### Libraries in decline

Sir: Dr Eamonn Butler of the Adam Smith Institute rightly draws attention to the decline in the standard of the services offered by most public libraries (letter, 23 April). He speaks of libraries as "part of the leisure industry". Here is the cause of part of the problem.

Once, libraries were always a separate department of local government, with the Chief Librarian enjoying the status of a chief officer. With reorganisations of local government, libraries are now lumped together in unsuitable groupings, usually part of a leisure department. What do libraries have in common with parks, swimming baths, leisure centres, and, in some instances, cemeteries? If libraries can no longer stand alone in the local government hierarchy, a link with education would be more

While libraries are statisticsled, and librarians prefer to spend money on 10 copies of a paperback edition of a romantic novel rather than on one copy of a serious biography, standards will continue

MICHAEL WALPOLE Birmingham

### No flowers

Sir. I suppose that it is too late to ask people not to waste their money on flowers for Jill Dando and to give it to charity instead? Flowers do not last and are not cheap. The amount of money spent could do so much more if it was given to charity instead of to florists.

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There seems to be a contest to see who or what garners most floral support after tragedy -Hillsborough, Dunblane, Diana. Let's break this cycle of waste and start a new culture of charitable giving "in the name of ...".

The press could help by announcing the charities Jili supported. PAUL SMITH Caterham, Surrey

### Perils on the Net

Sir. It is probable that a number of factors led to the tragic events in Columbine High School, in the USA, but the availability of information – by whatever medium - is unlikely to be the prime cause. It is important that this is remembered as the United States and the world ask themselves how an incident as shocking as this can have occurred

The majority of Internet Service Providers (ISPs) in the UK aiready "regulate" content, and will remove articles or entire websites, following notification by the police or the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF). However, the nature of the Internet makes it impossible to prevent such material being placed online initially, and there are no globally agreed standards by which ISPs act.

"Filtering" software can go some way towards preventing access to "undestrable" material, but it is at best a blunt sword, blocking some sites erroneously. failing to block others, and subject to the moral philosophy of the software producers and their agents.

I suggest that the best approach is a combination of the content rating system being proposed by the IWF (which allows parents and guardians to make their own judgements), and co-operation between agencies to apprehend individuals who publish illegal material, regardless of whether it appears on the Net. **ALAN STEVENS** Editor, "Which? Online" The Consumers Association London NW1

Sir: As well as lax American gun laws and violent pop culture, a third factor needs to be considered in the Denver and other school shootings, and should in principle be more easily controllable. This is the large size of schools.

Criminological research in the US has consistently shown a close correlation between violence and vandalism by pupils (both inside and outside school) and the number of pupils in a school. No similar research has been done in Britain, but there is little doubt that it would show the same result.

School building programmes in both countries over the past 40 years therefore constitute one of several ways in which government spending has been the problem. not the solution. F KNOX London SW4

### As she is spoke

Sir: Never mind mispronunciation (letters, 24, 26, 27 April). When will people who should know better stop saying "bought" instead of "brought"? I dare say the current debate will soon reach a crescendo. KEITH BARTLETT Fishguard, Pembrokeshire

Sir: After filling us children with the delights of the Romantic poets and the sonnets of Shakespeare, our beloved Miss Condron would turn to her class and finish with: "Of course, you know that the best English is spoken here in Dublin. We know how to pronounce GERALDINE BURKE

Marsh Baldon, Oxfordshire

## Breaking, entering and checking out the wall colour

A MOST extraordinary trial is going on at the moment at the High Court, in which a married couple is accused of the crime of breaking and entering a neighbourhood house. The extraordinary aspect of the trial is their defence plea. which is that they merely wished to have a look round. But perhaps a brief extract from yesterday's proceedings will give a better idea of a case which promises to make legal history.

Counsel: You are Mr and Mrs Whittle: No. I am Mr Whittle. Counsel: But when you are with your wife you are Mr and Mrs

Whittle? Whittle: No. I am still Mr Whittle when I am together with my wife. Counsel: I see. Are you often Whittle: We have been together now for 17 years. Counsel: So, you've been married for 17 years?

Whittle: No, we've been married for 19 years.

Counsel: How is it possible that you have been married for more years than you have been together? Whittle: I had to go abroad on business for two years from 1987 to 1989. During that time we could hardly have been said to be together. Counsel: I see. What sort of busi-

ness took you abroad? Whittle: I had to go on a weekend sales trip to the Lebanon.

Counsel: And that took two years? Whittle: Yes. During my weekend in Beirut I was captured and held as a hostage for two years by a militant Palestinian organisation. Counsel: I am sorry to hear that.

Whittle: Not as sorry as I was, or indeed my wife was.

Judge: Mr Wildebeeste, I fail to see the point of this line of questioning. If Mr and Mrs Whittle are up on a charge of breaking and entering, why are you delving into his commercial history?

Counsel: The idea is to confuse him with apparently random questions, my Lord, until when he is off guard, I can swoop and disconcert him with strategically placed queries, like a picador weakening a bull. Judge: It's not working yet, is it? Counsel: No, my Lord.

Judge: I think you'll find that it's the banderillero who swoops in the bull-ring. The picador merely shuffles around on a condemned nag. Counsel: You're right, my Lord. Judge: Carry on, smarty pants. Counsel: Now, Mr Whittle, on 17



**MILES** KINGTON

'My wife had seen a rather nice cream in the hall and thought we ought to have a look'

July last year, were you and your wife together?

Counsel: You were not on some mysterious trip to the Middle East? Whittle: No, we were at home in our small Hampshire village of Fenton Bresler. Counsel: You were not at home all

the time, I believe? Whittle: No. We were also in the house of Sir Edgar and Lady Truelove, the Manor House, which

is 500 yards from us. Counsel: Had you been invited to go in there?

Whittle: No. Counsel: So you had broken and entered the Manor House? Whittle: No. We merely entered. No breaking was involved. The front door was open.

Counsel: What on earth possessed you to enter someone else's home without permission? Whittle: Well, at that particular

time, we were planning to repaint the hall, sitting-room and staircase of our own home, and my wife and I could never agree on what colour paints we wanted. The problem was made worse by the fact that modern colour cards, however well printed, never give the real effect of what the paint will look like in real life. Ask any painter or decorator. Counsel: I intend to.

Whittle: My wife happened to mention that she had seen a rather nice cream paint in the Trueloves' hall when she had been there for a WI meeting, and thought we ought to have a look at it. So the next time we were passing we took our courage in both hands and knocked on the door to ask the Trueloves if we could have a look. There was no answer. We tried looking through the window. The light was not good

enough. I tried the door handle, It turned and the door opened. Without quite realising what we were doing, we went in and had a look. We were still in the house when the Trueloves returned.

Counsel: But not in the hall, I think? You were found upstairs in the bedroom?

Whittle: Yes, well, that was because we didn't really like the colour in the hall. It was a bit on the yellow side, a bit drab. Quite apart from anything else, it reminded me uncannily of the wall colour of the room in which I was kept hostage for two years. So my wife said she thought there was a nicer shade of barley cream on the landing upstairs, and we just popped upstairs to have a look...

More of this fascinating case some other time, I hope.

### A hopeful sign, but Nato should keep on bombing Serbia

THE ART of diplomacy is in the timing as much as the substance - and, for the first time in the Kosovo crisis, diplomacy's hour seems to be upon us. Two factors have been responsible for the sudden shift in climate. One was last week's Nato summit in Washington; the other was the unexpected voice of the Yugoslav Deputy Prime Minister. Vuk Draskovic, suggesting that the hitherto monolithic façade of the Belgrade leadership is starting to crack

Mr Draskovic has warned Serbs that they are alone, that Nato remains united, and that the destructive bombing will continue. For its part, the summit has shown that a Nato ground invasion, the surest guarantee of a speedy end to the war, is not on the cards, and that weeks, maybe months, of bombing will be needed if the Allies are to prevail. For both sides, in short, the last few days have been what the Americans call a "reality check", upon which the diplomats perhaps can build. And they are trying.

Yesterday Strobe Talbott, the US Deputy Secretary of State, was in Moscow talking to Viktor Chernomyrdin, Russia's special envoy in Kosovo and the most plausible mediator of any settlement. Mr Talbott is being followed by Kofi Annan. Secretary General of the United Nations. the body that was sidelined before the conflict, but which perforce will play a large part in implementing a solution to it. Later this week Mr Chernomyrdin is expected to visit Belgrade, for the second time in 10 days.

And all this is going on against a backdrop of political argument in Belgrade, with talk of serious grumbling among the generals, and rumours of mass mutiny in the ranks - factors that ought to nudge President Milosevic towards a climb-down. But let us not get carried away by

Of course, a speedy diplomatic solution is fervently to be desired. But it must be the right diplomatic solution. Nato's original five demands for a settlement have, to some extent, been overtaken by events. For the Allies, there are now three non-negotiable conditions: the total withdrawal of Yugoslav forces from Kosovo, the introduction of a peacekeeping force with a strong Nato component and, most important of all, the return of the refugees to their homes.

Outrage at the plight of the Kosovo Albanians was the reason why Nato embarked upon this ill-executed war. Anything less than their return to a secure Kosovo will amount to a Nato defeat. Alas, the West's understandable eagerness to mend fences with the Russians may be blinding it to the fact that these conditions are perhaps not quite the ones Mr Chernomyrdin is putting to Mr Milosevic and that, in any case, there is no sign that the Yugoslav leader is listening.

Among the many lessons of this crisis is that to Slobodan Milosevic normal standards of reason do not



apply. Had he signed up to Rambouillet, or thrown in his hand after a few nights of bombing - as the Allies so confidently but erroneously believed he would - his voice would still have been heard, and Kosovo would have remained part of Serbia. Now, sooner or later, he will lose much if not all of the province. Perhaps partition will be the result. Maybe the bitter jest of moderate Serbs will be borne out, that their country will emerge from the war minus Kosovo but still saddled with Milosevic.

But these are speculations. For the moment the air war must go on. If four weeks of bombing are finally producing fissures in the regime, this is no moment to stop. For one thing, who knows where the Draskovic gambit will lead? And has Mr Milosevic ever kept a single promise in connection with Kosovo? There is no reason to believe he would long honour any undertaking given to secure a their hour truly comes.

### A disturbing trend in our modern society

THE MURDER of Jill Dando is deeply shocking. The brutal killing of this talented broadcaster has understandably captured the country's horrified attention.

Already, similarities can be observed between our response to the tragic death of Ms Dando and that to the death of Diana, Princess of Wales. The Queen and the Prime Minister have expressed their sadness; the BBC has made available a book for the public to write its condolences in; people have begun to lay floral bouquets and messages at the gates of the BBC and at Ms Dando's home.

It is nothing new for people to be upset by the death of halt in the bombing. The diplomats are right to continue a prominent person. In the 19th century, the death of Gentheir labours. But we suspect it will be weeks yet before eral Gordon elicited widespread public mourning; more est Ms Dando. At a time when the nation is embarked on recently, thousands queued all night to pay their respects war, they smack of recreational grief.

to Sir Winston Churchill as he lay in state. One suspects, however, that Ms Dando would have been puzzled by the emotions she has sparked off. For she was neither hero nor statesman. Instead, she was a television presenter whose likeable and uncomplicated character appears to have found a resonance in her audience.

But what do the growing piles of flowers and the torrent of e-mails to the BBC tell us about our modern society? Certainly, it is good to see that the notoriously buttonedup British are not ashamed to express their emotions freely. However, there is also something disturbing about this outpouring of grief. It suggests an emptiness in too many people's lives that is filled by those they do not really know. We should question the tendency of many Britons to divert the love that should be given to family and friends to people who appear on television and on the covers of magazines.

These outpourings do not honour the memory of the mod-

## Amid the din of war, listen out for the politician who keeps silent

STOP A minute: pause amid the war "With the formation of a new governtalk and revelations of those hot internal divisions behind the cool New Labour façade. When politics is noisy it is worth listening out for those keeping the most eloquent silences.

The senior member of Government going about his business most smoothly and quietly these days is the Chancellor, Gordon Brown. His enemies may gloat that "Gordon hasn't had a war at all", meaning that he hasn't been on the television sounding statesmanlike. I see no sign that Government to fare ill that they are Gordon resents this. Chancellors do not warm to wars. They interfere with the accounting. Mr Brown's success in office has been the result of his ability to exploit relatively small room for manoeuvre and magnify the impact of the results by some nifty presentation,

So far, he has studiously avoided acknowledging that there is a war on at all Early on, he remarked that the contingency fund of some £1.2bn was covering the costs. But money gets spent a lot faster than this in a war - some 160m from Britain so far. So the Treasury made a brief statement last week announcing that an "audit of war" was under way to check the running costs of the enterprise. This was so discreetly announced, with Mr Brown at a safe distance in Scotland, that it went unnoticed.

But the subject will soon be unavoidable. An unintentionally ironic point is made on the implications of the conflict by Maurice Saatchi's and Peter Warburton's pamphlet calling on the Tories to kneecap Peter Lilley and all the other born-again Big Spenders

colour

ment by the Liberals following the 1905 election came a change in the way taxation was viewed: from a means of supporting wars to a way of supporting the people."

Well, something has to give, to support the war effort, and raised taxes and/or heavy government borrowing are a distinct possibility. Some of those opposed to Britain fighting Slobodan Milosevic at all have been so carried away by their desire for the prophesying dire consequences for Mr Brown. On this view, his reputation as the Iron Chancellor will be under-

mined when the bills come in. Mr Brown looks to me like a Chancellor who has prepared himself for just such a development. His very discretion about the war and its costs is the first plank in his survival strategy. By making clear that he is not a frontline political figure in this conflict, he is also ensuring that the blame for any financially unpleasant domestic consequences does not rest on him. If it does cost us higher taxes, no one will fairly be able to blame him for raising them. That event will be seen, for better or worse, to have been the result of Mr Blair's wholehearted engage-

ment in the Balkans. The outcome of the war remains uncertain, as is its aftermath in British politics. Mr Blair has so far looked like a confident leader, out-hawking some rather tentative American hawks. But a more difficult hour may come. If the outcome in Kosovo is an unstable fudge, the last thing the and opt for lower tax rates instead: Prime Minister wants - or deserves,



### **ANNE MCELVOY**

If the war does cost us higher taxes, no one will fairly be able to blame

Mr Brown for raising them

given his own robust stance - is to end up having to pass off a failure as a

Mr Brown, meanwhile, has consigned himself to a bloodless but more certainly glorious battlefield the Scottish elections, where the only question is the margin of New Labour's victory. This is not the way things looked early this year when the Government drew up its plans for the scrap with the SNP and concluded that Donald Dewar desperately needed the help of another big hitter with appeal to the Scottish electorate. As I understand it, the Chancellor saw this as something of an onerous duty for someone of his seniority. In his darker moments he may have muttered something about these English modernisers being all very well in their place, but the Labour Party still

needing its Scottish backbone when real challenges present themselves.

Yet the election has given Mr Brown the opportunity to pitch his tent firmly on the reassuring turf of Britishness, and to appear as an inclusive politician who incorporates both a distinctly Scottish and a United Kingdom identity.

He used his intellectual base, the John Smith Institute, to deliver a major speech on Britishness earlier this month. The association with the legacy of the late Labour leader, John Smith, is a sign that Mr Brown sees himself as the continuation of the moderate Labour tradition, as opposed to the conscious mould-breaking that Mr Blair embodies. It is a distinction that will doubtless be drawn again this summer when the fifth anniversary of

Mr Smith's death is commemorated. In Scotland, Mr Brown is free to indulge as much sentimentality about the memory of Mr Smith as he likes; it does no harm in the late Mr Smith's homeland, whereas the Blairites always feared that Mr Smith's old-fashioned aura and reluctant embrace of the middle classes were an electoral liability in the south of England, Never think that these old differences have ceased to matter. New Labour is shaped by the failures of the past, which means that it can never escape the memories.

None the less, Mr Brown mustered the magnanimity to ask his old feuding partner Peter Mandelson up to Glasgow to dispense some strategy advice for the final phase of the election campaign. In the laying bare of the 1997 rivalries at New Labour's

court. Mr Brown emerges in the most enviable position of all his senior colleagues. Take the now famous chapter in Don Macintyre's biography in which Mr Mandelson leaves a planning meeting abruptly after a disagreement with the shadow Chancellor and offers his resignation as campaign manager. Mr Blair writes back, with half an eye on the political record, "We are not players in some Greek tragedy." Geoffrey Robinson, the kindly plutocrat, seeks to calm down Mr Mandelson over lunch, with singularly little success. All is flurry, spin and high emotion. What does Mr Brown do? Very little. You gain the impression of a rather stolid creature in the middle of all the fuss, imperviously getting on with the election.

This is an intriguing change from the more frequently peddled picture of Mr Brown as a tortured soul, unable to recover from having had the mantle of Labour leadership snatched from him by Mr Blair. Indeed, once Mr Mandelson became a minister, the Chancellor allowed his Treasury court to pursue the old feud by proxy. Minions fought a dirty war on both sides and Mr Mandelson was the ultimate victim. Perhaps the cathartic force of this outcome has brought both of them to their senses; perhaps the Chancellor is simply finding it easier to be well-adjusted when Mr Mandelson is down on his luck. But a certain peacefulness has descended on the turbulent heart of New Labour. You might almost think that the boys had grown up at last. On past evidence, we can only wonder how long the sanity will last.

> they lament. The voter fears that whatever the hawa that blows, it will be the same hot air. Times of India

ONE HOPES that the 13th Lok Sabha will throw up a government that will have a stable majority and the resolution to rise above partisan pressures and act in these and other complex matters confronting it. more on the government of the in a manner that serves the national interest.

### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Remember, they only name things after you when you're dead or really old." Barbara Bush at the naming ceremony for the George Bush Centre for Intelligence

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Politicians are the same all over. They promise to build a bridge even where there's no river." Nikita Khrushchev. Soviet statesman



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THE POLITICIANS have had (and forfeited) their chance to make and break governments. The people will now, fortunately have theirs. The premature demise of any Lok Sabha is unfortunate, not least because electing a new one costs the exchequer, and the taxpayer, hundreds of rupees. Nevertheless, the circumstances in which the Cabinet decision has come makes the dissolution of the 12th Lok Sabha as welcome as it was

inevitable. It was clearly on lifesupport systems for weeks, and if ever euthanasia were justified, it was in this case. **Economic Times** 

NOW THAT the opportunity of going to the people has come. at least the key players in the political arena should draw the right lessons from what the fractured mandates in the last two elections have entailed for the nation, and make it a point

## **MONITOR**

ALL THE NEWS OF THE WORLD

The Indian press anticipates India's third general election in three years

before seeking the mandate. The Hindu

to forge alliances on the basis IF ONLY our political leaders AD. Sadiy enough over the

of well-defined and clearly and elected representatives spelt-out common agendas had the nation's interest instead of their own in their minds, India's 13th Lok Sabha would have come only in 2006

of principle, but on personal whims and ambitions. Hindustan Times

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THE MESSAGE people are likely to send out in these elections, as in the last two electoral exercises, is that they rely no day for roti, kapda and makaan, but it is their leadership that The Pioneer

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MUST READ for the glossy posse this week is a pirate copy of Versace Undressed. an unauthorised biography of the murdered Italian conturier. Scheduled for publication in July. Undressed contains many lively and entertaining insights into the fashion industry.

SO IT'S a Knockout returns to the ring; may Pandora be the first to plead for a reprise for

IT'S A date. The numbers are in - and how - on what we should call the decade following the Nineties. Pandora's People overwhelmingly prefer "the Naughties" (and its variant spellings) - but the "Double Zeros", "Yukkies" (that's a Y2K thing), "Nothings" and "Teenies" also win minority support. Precision points to Reading's Kate Tompkins for suggesting that the Teenies "would only really apply from 2013 to 2019".

MEXID MESSAGES? Let's clarify the buzz about the ad that ran in this newspaper's front section earlier this month. Everyone's talking about the crash hot lay-out and twisted type: but eagleeved readers rapidly sussed that the stunt highlighted the plight of MS sufferers. Saatchi & Saatchi's Greg Martin and Mike McKenna had 60 munutes to produce the ad from The Independent's raw copy as it went to press. Legible versions of the stories appeared on the page after the ad: a strip at the bottom of the page explained: "MS scrambles messages between the brain and the body." Top marks to Creative Review. the first trade book to spot the decode.

DANI BEHR (pictured) who numbers Christian Slater, Les Ferdinand and George Clooney among the beaus on her string - is back before the camera. "1 was an actor before I was a presenter," Behr insisted at the première party for David Cronenberg's existenZ the other night. "As far as I'm concerned, I'm returning to my first

The former presenter of The Word, a dumb and dusted youth TV show, plays the receptionist role in the thriller Rancid Aluminium. But South African-born

Dani found location work with Sadie Frost and Tara

Fitzgerald a chore. "After filming for a couple of weeks in Wales, I was hungry for the creature comforts of home."

Just as well former fancy Ryan Giggs never took her back to meet his folks, isn't it, although Pandora always rated Behr as one of Giggsy's top scores.

PADDY ASHDOWN'S Yeovil constituency is up for grabs. Perhaps the selection committee will consider the life-long Liberal Nicholas Parsons. Parsons turned down the chance to become the candidate in 1976, Would it be hesitation, repetition or deviation for him to have another pop?

OH, AND have you noticed

more people in the street apparently talking to themselves? Reality is that they're using the new hands-free gizmo that allows mobile phone users to bump their gums without frying their brains. Sure. it's a civilisation advance: but feisty types are bending Pandora's ear to bitch about these mumblers suddenly stopping in their tracks and creating pedestrian pileups. Since the walkietalkies aren't worried about looking like zombies. perhaps they wouldn't mind wearing a revolving light on top of their noggins to warn others that they're in chat mode. Unless anyone else has a better idea...?

Contact Pandora by e-mail: pandora a independent.



# Vin rouge for la vie en rose

IT COMES as no surprise to learn that, according to the latest medical report (by the National Heart Forum: we as a nation are dving less of chronic heart disease than we did 10 years ago. What does surprise me is that nowhere in the report is the magic word garlic mentioned. Much is made of the fact that we're drinking more red wine and that red wine, especially the Cabernet Sauvignon variety, contains a natural anti-cholesterol ingredient which burns up excess fat.

Presumably it was on medical grounds that the supermarket across the road changed its layout recently and quadrupled the size of its wine department, and particularly its stock of half bottles of red wine, so much more convenient for frail little old ladies (like me) to slip into their baskets along with a tin of

sardines and a nice apple turnover. I'm perfectly happy to go along with the red wine theory. Writing in a medical journal called Heart some time ago, a French doctor came up with the following statistics. In Toulouse, 75 out of 100,000 people die from heart disease. In Belfast. 348



**SUE ARNOLD** 

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out of 100,000 die from coronary-related diseases and, in Glasgow, it's even higher, 380. Alors, concluded M le Medecin, if the natives of Glasgow and Belfast drank as much red wine as the good burghers of Toulouse, instead of all that filthy stout and Scotch, their hearts would be in better nick.

Maybe so, but you could say the same about garlic, which may not have been the subject of the survey but was almost certainly consumed in the same proportions, per capita. as red wine in Toulouse, Belfast and Glasgow. I have long subscribed to the view that garlic is a cure-all for most diseases, especially the coronary kind, an opinion shared by many of my French, Italian and Polish friends. "Oh, you mean Continentals," my late auntie Winnie would have said, pursing her lips as if she'd bitten on a lemon. Continentals basically meant anyone who wasn't born in Pinner Well, maybe they are but they're also in-

credibly healthy. My friend Woytek, a Pole, whose family has a history of heart disease, chews whole cloves of raw garlic as others chew gum. At 60 he can ski like a teenager. When he was a child his mother, he told me, used to stuff the toes of his boots with garlic to stop him catching cold as he walked

My French friend Annalise puts garlic in everything, including her Christmas cake, and feeds garlic capsules to her dog to cure its breathlessness. It's a very old, very

smelly, very had-tempered dog and the sooner it is relieved of its breath. most of her friends and family agree, the better But Annalise is soft-hearted.

It seems that the supermarket across the road has been taking advice from Continentals because it now sells not one, but four varieties of garlic. As well as drinking more red wine, we also appear to be eating more garlic, which is probably why we're not falling off our perches as much as we were from heart attacks. We used to be so priggish about gartic. "Ugh, you smell like a Spanish waiter," my fastidious room-mate would say to her boyfriends. Ten years later she took her kids on holiday to Fuengirola and ran off with one. Garlic is a funny thing. If you chew it raw, like Woytek, it smells perfectly pleasant. If you cook it for hours it doesn't smell at all. It's only if you fry it for 10 min-

behind your teeth for days. It was my Italian friend Lucia who taught me to roast whole cloves of garlic in their skins, sprinkled with olive oil, and then squeeze them like

utes that the aroma seems to linger

toothpaste on to toast as a cure an heartburn. Or hiccups. Or just because they're delicious. I saw her yesterday and we talked about the heart report. "Darleeeng," said Lucia. "Garlic is good for the health; of course, but irrigation is better.

She had just come back from two weeks in a Portuguese detax clinic where she had eaten no gartic, no food at all in fact, just organic fruit juice and Thylium Husk three times a day. She was now totally cleansed her blood, her skin, her heart.

Thyllium Husk, apparently, is a natural fibre which can absorb 58 times its own weight in toxins. What was the point of the Thyllium Husk?, I said. Lucia said it helped wash out toxins that had been festering in your intestines for years, poisoning your system, clogging your blood. For the first time in her life, she said. she felt pure. Did she look pure? Well, I said hedging. "Darleceng, if you could only see what they found in my intestines. There were traces of mother's milk Imagine, 35-yearold milk." I'd rather not. Come on, let's chew some some garlic, it's

# Why should we let Fascists have freedom of speech?

THE DAY before the Brixton bomb I had a letter from the "White Wolves" identical with that received by Oona King and other parliamentary colleagues, but, given the number of death threats I have had it just went into the bin. Yesterday, however. I received a letter claiming to be from Combat 18 which had been posted the day before the Brick Lane bomb, saying there would be another nail bomb attack next day in an "alien" area. It listed Southall, Golders Green, Kilburn, Petticoat Lane and Brent as potential areas

I passed it on to the police. They are now examining it for any evidence they may be able to extract. although, of course, it could just be another sick hoax.

Over the years, I have been attacked by racists on several occasions. Most of these incidents took place in the early Eighties at the Greater London Council I clearly remember my first warning from Special Branch officers, who arrived at County Hall to tell me the disturbing news that my movements were being monitored by an extremist group. However, because I lived in a bedsit and travelled by public transport there was, apparently. little they could do to protect me. An attack eventually did take place, taking the form of my being sprayed with red paint by two members of the National Front masquerading as "Friends of Ulster".

Through long experience, I have tended to ignore death threats unless accompanied by a warning from Special Branch that I am once again under surveillance from the

As I am still alive I suppose the police have been justified in not providing the appropriate resources at these times. The best I ever got was when a psychiatric patient released under the care in the community programme was known to be trying



### LIVINGSTONE

I ignore death threats unless Special Branch warns that I am under far-right surveillance

to buy a gun in order to kill me. My local police offered to walk me to and height of press hysteria about the the best they could do given the cuts in police numbers during the final days of the Tory Home Secretary Michael Howard.

I have always viewed Combat 18, however, as an altogether more worrying organisation. They have sometimes recruited embittered former members of the military and therefore have been trained in the use of weapons and attack. A few years ago they totally trashed the Kilburn Book Shop for the crime of stocking Irish and left-wing literature. The whole operation, undertaken with military precision, took hardly any time. A car screeched to a halt on Kilburn High Road and four balaclava-clad thugs destroyed the inside of the shop and were away within five minutes, never to be

Despite the lessons of the Lawrence Inquiry, which underlined the way that the police and other authorities tend to dismiss or play down racial motivation in violent crimes against black people, it was disheartening to see so many people

who should have known better rushing to deny that the Brixton bomb could have been a racial attack.

When Lee Jasper the secretary of the National Black Alliance, said that black people in the area would regard this as an attack on them. his comments were largely ignored. His views were even attacked on the grounds that Brixton is a "multiracial" area. But. compared with all the economic targets that could be attacked in London, Brixton's only attraction for a bomber is its status as a symbol of black Britain. To their credit, the Metropolitan

Police did consider the racial option. and even went so far as to release details of Combat 18's claim of responsiblity, ghoulishly made from a phone box in Well Hall Road where Stephen Lawrence was murdered. This area of south-east London. from the Tube each day, which was which has boused the BNP headquarters, has become known as the racist murder capital of Britain following the brutal deaths of young black men - Stephen Lawrence. Rohit Duggal and Rolan Adams.

The fact that so many attacks and murders continue to take place against black and Asian people is a brutal reality only partly acknowledged in wider British society. The advances represented by the Lawrence Inquiry appear to be the motivation behind the bombings.

According to a leaked internal document of one of the terror groups linked to the bombings, the White Wolves, the main target was the black communities: "If this is done regularly, effectively and brutally, the aliens will respond by attacking the whites at random, forcing them off the fence and into self-defence."

This is a declaration of a race war with its clear aim being to roll back the recommendations of the Lawrence report, and it should be dealt with as such by the police and the Government.

In just a few weeks the Fascist political broadcast to go out on to the And we must start now.



Oona King, MP for Tower Hamlets, in Brick Lane P Attcheson

didates in the local and European first black man they find? elections, thus giving them free mail-shots to the electors, and possibly a party political broadcast. But the Lawrence Inquiry and these two nail-bombings raise a fundamental issue of democracy.

Whose civil liberties do we protect by allowing such people the right of access to such resources? Only those who stand to gain from the death and maining that arise from their politics. Combat 18 and other such groups should be apprehended and the BNP should be banned from gaining the rights accorded to genuine political parties in the coming elections. We should ban the BNP, which is no more than a racist

criminal conspiracy. There will be those who argue that freedom of speech must extend even to views as abhorrent as those of the BNP and Combat 18. Yet no one suggests that we should allow paedophiles freedom to advocate child abuse. How many young thugs will be encouraged by the next BNP

British National Party will field can-streets and give a good kicking to the British race relations have ar-

rived at a crossroads. It is not now simply an issue of rounding up a few nutters. but of reshaping how our major institutions deal with racism and black representation. Jack Straw's commitment to extending the 1976 Race Relations Act to the police and other previously exempt institutions is a welcome first step

In 1977 the National Front won 5 per cent of Londoners' votes at the GLC elections. In Hackney North I made the issue of the National Front candidate the major part of my election campaign, in contrast to other Labour candidates in the area who argued that we should ignore them totally. The result was that the NF vote in my seat was only half what they managed to achieve in the rest of the area. The lesson is clear, a we can't ignore the Fascists in the hope that they will go away. We must take them on and defeat them using all the powers of the state and with the backing of local communities

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### A new vision built on old foundations PERHAPS I ought briefly nities offered by heritage

to explain why I have volunteered to come this morning. It is primarily because for the last 45 years I have watched in despair as one remarkable industrial building after another has been systematically demolished to make way for what some people like to describe as "comprehensive redevelopment".

But these buildings are just as much part of our national heritage as cathedrals, palaces or country houses. Many were built to the highest architectural standards of their day and, despite the passage of time, remain in remarkably good condition.

We hear a lot these days about "joined-up" government. Well, I think it is most certainly time to talk about "joined-up" regeneration strategies. Too many regeneration initiatives have been undermined by short-term considerations which have favoured low-cost, new-build schemes and produced lots of breeze-block and tin factories or business parks, even in the heart of our most famous Victorian cities.

They have not taken suffi-

industrial buildings. Policy-makers and develop-

ers too often make a presumption that "brown-field" sites mean "cleared and vacant sites". In reality, they frequently contain many reusable buildings that are often of striking architectural importance. They are a reusable resource and should be part of our drive to give practical expression to sustainability.

Given the fundamental shifts we have seen in our traditional economy, it is tempting for policy-makers to argue for the demolition of the old factories and communities. Then what? Are we to re-create the suburbs in the heart of our cities? Or perhaps whole cities are expected to move away to more prosperous areas in order to find work?

Surely a better way forward is to promote the process of reinventing communities where people already live, and recognise the value of the investment both in people and the built environment that already exists, rather than abandon it. After the last war, and right

up to the Seventies, governcient account of the opportu- ments carried through an amb-

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PRINCE CHARLES

From a speech by the Prince of Wales to the Making Heritage Industrial Buildings Work conference in Swindon

itious programme to build new towns. Millions were moved from congested cities to new and expanded towns with modern houses and workplaces. Lives were transformed for the better. But at a price. It took many years for communities to become established, and we have the phenomenon of "new town blues".

If we are to give meaning to

brown-field development, there has to be an explicit recognition want to live and work, and will want simply to be. that much of the built environment, and especially heritage industrial buildings, represents a sustainable resource from past generations which is capable of being "recycled" for new uses.

We are accustomed to thinking of cities such as Bath and Edinburgh as places with a great architectural heritage, but visitors to Manchester, Glasgow and Newcastle are now, at last, beginning to recognise the beauty and value of our heritage from the industrial age. It is significant that the resident population of the city core in Manchester has risen from 400 to 6,000 in eight years - almost all living in converted warehouses and mills. Where a choice exists in favour of living in an exciting urban com-

munity, people will make it. Regeneration strategies in the new millennium will also be operating in new economic circumstances. The world has moved into a new economic order - the knowledge-based economy. We need to create new kinds of communities where this economy can flourany strategy of favouring ish - places where people will and pride.

want simply to be.
I am not talking about the

restoration of these buildings just because of their architecture, nor the creation of "Heritage Theme-Park Britain where we repackage our heritage for the benefit of tourists. But there is no doubt that these buildings, and the environment in which they stand, can provide a uniquely attractive atmosphere for modern living and working. We need to rediscover the ingredients for such an atmosphere and try to emulate them in the future.

It was the great American urban historian, Lewis Mumford, who wrote that "If we ... would lay the foundation for a new urban life, we must first understand the historic nature of the city". As we wrestle with the regeneration of so many of our urban communities, finding successful new uses for remarkable old buildings is a very tangible way of retaining just such an understanding. When all is said and done, I believe we owe something to those crafts-

men who built these buildings with such skill

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# Say goodbye to your local GP



### **JEREMY** LAURANCE

While 24-hour shopping and TV are taken for granted, medical advice remains hard to obtain

WHEN DID you last see your doctor? I ask because it is entirely possible you do not know who he or she is. recent government survey showed that one in four patients waits at least four days for an appointment with their GP but my own completely unscientific poll of friends and colleagues suggests this is a conservative estimate. The Radio 4 Today presenter James Naughtie recently complained he had had to wait two weeks, and delays of up to four weeks are not uncommon.

In these circumstances, it makes sense to opt for whoever can see you first. Most patients - with the important exception of the chronically ill, who make regular visits to the surgery - want rapid treatment and are less concerned about who provides it. But that means that the link with the personal family doctor is weakened.

In a society in which round-theclock shopping, banking and TV are taken for granted, medical advice remains astonishingly hard to obtain. GPs' surgeries are open for a couple of hours morning and evening, and if you cannot get an early appointment the only alternative is to queue for a couple of hours in the walk-in surgery.

As the Prime Minister noted in a speech to GPs earlier this month, although most patients are happy with the care they get, they are less happy with how long they have to wait for it.

That is about to change. The scale of the change that is planned has been unheralded and little written about. Put simply, it is to replace GPs with nurses as the first point. of contact for patients. This change will fundamentally alter the way patients obtain medical treatment. by opening up a new gateway to the S. It could even spell the end of

the traditional GP. Major changes in social institutions are always difficult to date. But the winter crisis in the NHS last Christmas may have set the seal on a process whose origins can be

traced back years or even decades. There were four days over the holiday when hospital casualty departments were overwhelmed with patients suffering from flu. Beds were full, trolleys were



A general practitioner with his patient in south London, 50 years ago: but perhaps nurses should take over the role traditionally played by GPs

wheeled out and the health service found itself unable to cope.

Nothing new there, of course. But when the causes of the winter crisis were investigated, it was GPs who got the blame. Because Christmas fell at a weekend, surgeries were closed for longer than normal. Out-of-hours deputising services were unable to cope and scores of sick patients took themselves off to their local accident and emergency departments.

What ministers saw as the failure of the primary care service over Christmas chimed with government plans for its reform. The Christmas crisis helped forge Tony Blair's speech in Birmingham earlier this month to a conference of GPs. nurses and managers in which he set out his vision of the NHS in the 21st century. A key aspect of that advice when people need it.

Ministers are determined to do something about the problem of access, a key determinant of the way people perceive the NHS. Nurses, who would be contacted by telephone or via the Internet, would provide a filtering system, helping patients with minor ailments to treat themselves while referring trickier cases to... how shall we describe this new style of second-line

general practitioner? Not so much a family doctor, seeing everything that comes through the door of the surgery; more a "primary care consultant", perhaps.

Here we have the medical equivalent of 24-hour banking, an image used by Tony Blair last week, For everyday problems, patients would be able to seek instant advice, 24 hours a day, from the nurse-run telephone helpline, NHS Direct, which is being rapidly rolled out across the country. Access points are to be established in post offices and libraries. Computer links (the medical cash machine) and a network of walk-in centres led by nurses would provide hands-on care. Doctors, like bank managers, would offer appointments for more serious problems.

It is, of course, far too early to tell how far this process will go. Much as front-line practitioners is the dewill depend on the response of the public and of the professional groups. But the direction of travel is clear. Stephen Thornton, director of the NHS Confederation, said the vision set out by the Prime Minister in Birmingham last week required "nothing short of a complete transformation".

It has, however, an undeniable logic to it. For more than two decades, health policy makers have

worried about using expensively trained doctors to hand out cough medicine and laxatives to the worried well. Surveys show that GPs consider many of the problems brought to them are trivial.

In the Seventies, there was talk of introducing Third-World-style barefoot doctors to the UK medical orderlies who would sort the simple problems from the serious. What curbed these moves were warnings from the royal medical colleges that an apparently trivial symptom could hide a serious underlying disease. Only a trained doctor, taking a full history and making a proper investigation, could tell the difference. For patients to place their health in the hands of nurses risked disaster.

That view is now history. What has made the use of nurses possible velopment of computer-based protocols - lists of questions that cover all eventualities. The protocols used by NHS Direct have been adapted from America and so far the service has met with almost universal approval.

Surveys of callers in the three pilot sites have shown 97 per cent satisfaction with the advice received - even though it came only from a nurse. In some cases lives

have been saved, but more often patients who would otherwise have turned up at the surgery or accident and emergency department have been helped to deal with the problem at home, saving themselves the trip and the NHS a consultation.

Nurses are understandably enthusiastic, but GPs notably less so. They feel their territory invaded and their autonomy threatened. The BMA warns of threats to continuity of care and the doctor-patient relationship. It knows that if the role of GPs providing round-the-clock care to a defined list of patients is eroded, they could lose their coveted status as self-employed, independent contractors with the NHS.

But GPs have been living on borrowed time since 1995, when they negotiated an end to their contractual requirement to work at least some nights and weekends. though they remain technically responsible for their patients 24 hours a day, in practice many work something close to normal office hours.

Now they are being reorganised into "primary care groups" comprising GPs, nurses, health visitors and other staff, which will ultimately control more than three-quarters of the NHS budget. These groups will serve populations of an average of 100,000, providing their primary

care and buying their hospital care within a fixed budget - the first time GPs have been cash-limited in this way. They will therefore have a financial incentive to encourage any innovation - such as the greater use

of nurse-led advice and care - that

improves their efficiency.

The strategy is, however, not without risk, as Professor Chris Ham, a health policy expert at the University of Birmingham, has warned. Britain has a unique system of general practice that provides care to the entire population and is admired across the world. Its strength lies in the personal relationship between patient and doctor. For many patients, who need only occasional attention, continuity of care by a familiar doctor may not matter. But for those with

Bringing nurses into the medical front line is overdue and could yield real benefits for patients in terms of convenience and speed of access. But if the personal link between patient and doctor is broken, a pillar of the NHS will be lost. This will depend on whether the new nurse-led advice system is to be an additional service or merely a money-saving replacement for the

chronic conditions, who tend to be

### **RIGHT** OF REPLY

**SHARON BREEN** 



A spokeswoman for the marital research charity One Plus One responds to a recent article by Robin Baker

WRITING FROM a purely biological perspective, Robin Baker ("The death of the nuclear family") ignores the evidence for the psychological and social value of shared parenting for both adults and children. In 1927 the American psychologist John Watson wrote: "Family standards have broken down. In 50 years, unless there is some change, the tribal custom of marriage will no longer exist." Yet more than 70 years later, marriage or marriage-like relationships) remains a central element of our social structure.

True, the percentage of children who continue to live in couple families has fallen somewhat over the last 25 years, yet the fact is that four in five still do. But where is the evidence that many modern women choose to parent alone, as Mr Baker suggests?

Lone parenthood is often a transitional phase in today's family formation. Each year, 10 per cent of these lone parents move into married or cohabiting relationships. Research indicates that emotional support is vital to mental and physical well-being. While some women prefer to parent alone, overall lone mothers perceive themselves to be less happy and more stressed, and to have less access to physical and emotional resources, than women living with a partner.

True, there is great uncertainty about the role of fathers. But many researchers think that quality fathering may de children with u benefits. Pre-schoolers whose fathers provide 40 per cent of their care demonstrate increased empathy, fewer sexual-stereotype beliefs, and "a greater richness of caring". Most people (including many lone parents themselves) still believe that it is better for a child to live with two parents where possible.

## Ebb and flow of globalisation

THOSE WHO write about globalisation usually fall into two camps - all for it, or dead set against it. Both have one feature in common: scant regard for empirical evidence.

The trouble with a tendency to see globalisation as demanding the taking of sides is that it fixes the phenomenon as a sort of force of nature. It reduces the scope for discussion to a technocratic debate about economic policies without engaging with the technicalities, because that involves grubbing about in the statistics.

Indeed, despite the overlap hetween right-wing politics and the pro-globalisation camp on the one hand, and the left and antiglobalisation on the other, the usual reductionist approach is frustrating for



WEDNESDAY POEM

RECOLLECTION OF MANCHESTER

BY PAUL VERLAINE, TRANSLATED BY NORMAN R SHAPIRO

A glimpse of Salford, just a corner, was

All that I saw of Manchester, because.

And hansom cabs that circumambulate

Sincere but vain; and so no connoisseur

Of Manchester am I. And yet, no matter:

Decry its factories, its industries.

My intellectual's vanities! still, sweet

The memories of that Manchester "elite."

As I proclaimed, for better or for worse,

There, in that hali - naive, no doubt, as when

My utter reverence for Shakespeare's verse.

They praised Racine, taking him for Verlaine! -

Thanks to the fog and to my clubfoot gait -

Everywhere else, it seems!- my efforts were

Priggishly though the rest of you might natter,

Telling me how much more some towns would please

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edition', translated by Norman R Shapiro (University of Chicago

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### WEDNESDAY BOOK

**GLOBAL TRANSFORMATIONS:** POLITICS, ECONOMICS AND CULTURE BY DAVID HELD & ANTHONY MCGREW, DAVID GOLDBLATT & JONATHAN PERRATON, POLITY PRESS, £16,99

radicalism for a Thatcherite embrace to human intervention. of the market.

What a delight, then, to find a book that analyses globalisation as a complicated set of processes that could in principle take many forms. While the underlying causes are unstoppable,

those of us who are leftish in our pol- the shape they take is not. The right itics yet in favour of globalisation for natural metaphor is not globalisation its potential. Old friends accuse us of as a flood that will sweep all before it. selling out, abandoning our youthful but rather as a series of tides, subject

> Too often globalisation is seen as a purely economic phenomenon. Its cavaliers and roundheads focus on the international financial markets, trade across borders, low wages in developing countries and investment by multinationals.

Economics is important, but so is the globalisation of culture and, perhaps most interestingly, the rule of law and democratic politics. The war in Kosovo, for example, and the extradition of General Pinochet, are examples of a new uncertainty about the territories over which any given set of political norms should apply.

In other words, as this book emphasises, globalisation has altered our understanding of political community. Democracy involves making policy decisions accountable to a particular community. This accountability must be formal - reflected in votes and representation - but is also informal, embedded in economic and social involvement. However, the nature of no longer confined to the nation state, is pretty hazy.

This raises truly profound questions about the nature of democracy and citizenship. What is the proper constituency for reaching a decision on, say, the import into Europe of American beef treated with the hormone BST? On the processing of nuclear waste? On targets for reducing green-



house gas emissions? Or the regula-

Kosovar child tries on a US Air Force helmet

The authors of Global Transformations get three cheers for posing all the right questions. Given the breadth of their material - by its nature, globalisation can affect anything, everywhere - it would be churlish to expect answers, too. But they do rule out certain responses. One is the argument that there is

tion of the financial markets?

nothing very different about modern forms of globalisation; that turn-of-thecentury imperialism had a similar scope. A mass of information makes it plain that trade and investment flows are bigger than they were a century ago, and have a wider reach and political communities, while obviously greater impact on societies affected. Intriguingly, the book argues that,

if there is a good historical parallel, it lies in the Middle Ages. Although there was no medieval equivalent of McDonald's or Microsoft, and the globe had not even been mapped, that too was a world of overlapping authorities and multiple loyalties. No ruler was sovereign; all shared power both with barons below and with

higher authorities. It is precisely this dispersion of powers that fuels the passion of both pro- and antiglobalisation camps. Markets, especially high-profile financial markets, are assumed to have captured power from elected national governments. James Carville, adviser to Bill Clinton in the 1992 presidential campaign, famously said that if he could be reincarnated, he would come back as the bond market. This book cites a graffito from Poland: "We wanted democracy, but we ended up with the

bond market. But markets are processes rather than entities, and can have benign or malign results. Markets can act as a vehicle for democracy, undermining the entrenched interests of élites in undemocratic places. Or they can be shaped to benefit the élites at the expense of the many.

The virtue of Global Transformations is that it is neither for nor against. What it loses in populism it more than recoups in intellectual

DIANE COYLE

## Oxfam Crisis Appeal

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crammed border camps of Albania and Macedonia, Oxfam is protecting tens of thousands of Kosovo refugees from a new danger: deadly disease from filthy, infected drinking water.

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# Lord Killanin

MICHAEL KILLANIN, the former robes of a peer. By 1937 he was cov-President of the International Olympic Committee, was talented journalist, a soldier, a film producer, and a sports administrator.

His intellect, warmth and informality in dealing with people, and international experience made him a cessor as President of the Olympic Council of Ireland, referred to him as "a charming approachable man of towering intellect who helped give Ireland a remarkably high profile in the world of sport".

His presidency of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), marked a watershed in the Olympic movement's political direction. Killarin asserted its independence in the face of persistent pressure to use the games as a weapon in a series of external political conflicts. He was also far-sighted enough to realise could no longer be maintained in a world of increasingly specialised and expensive training. He gave quiet approval for a relaxation in the rules to allow a more realistic level of financial support for competitors without other means of support.

Killanin's only active period as a sportsman in his own right was in boxing, rugov, swimming and rowing as a youth and in his student years. He was born Michael Morris in

1914 into one of the ancient families of the west of Ireland, one of the "tribes" of Galway. His father was an officer in the Irish Guards who died in action in the year of his son's birth. and his mother was Australian. In 1927, while a schoolboy, he succeeded his uncle as head of the family and Baron Killanin. After Eton hewent on to become President of Footlights at Cambridge the was at Magdalene Colleges, and was literary editor of Carnity Weekly.

In 1935 he plunged into the world of journalism as a reporter on the trait painter and court artist to King Daily Express in the heyday of the Beaverbrook era. He then moved to the Rothermere stable, to the Daily Mofil as a political correspondent earning the distinction of being the sole member of the press corps to cover Hing George VI's Coronation while clad in the ermine-trimmed tor began in 1950 when he was ap- vailing perhaps against the odds in

ering the China-Japan conflict, and thereafter was appointed political and versatile enough to enjoy four and diplomatic correspondent. He careers in one busy lifetime: as a also wrote for the Sunday Dispatch. Killanin volunteered for military

service in the British forces in 1938. and during the Second World War served with the Queen's Westminsters and the 30th Armoured natural diplomat. Pat Hickey, his suc- Brigade; he was rewarded with appointment as a military MBE for his role in the Normandy landing in 1941. In 1945 he returned to Ireland,

where he had spent his childhood, marrying Sheila Dunlop, daughter of the rector of Oughterard in Co Galway He instigated the reconstruction of the family seat at the picturesque village of Spiddal. He also became involved in film production. which had flowered in neutral Ireland during the war (including, ironically, Laurence Olivier's patriotic Henry V of 1944, filmed in Wicklow with 1,000 Irish farmers appearing that the old criteria of amateurism as English knights). He worked as producer on early post-war Irish movies directed by John Ford such as The Rising of the Moon (1957). The Playboy of the Western World (1962) and Gideon's Day (1958).

Perhaps his best-known credit was his collaboration with Ford on the John Wayne classic The Quiet Man (1952), the tale of a boxer returning to his native village and of his romance with a local girl played by Maureen O'Hara. The film helped



Killanin, left, with his successor as IOC president, Juan Antonio Samaranch, in 1980

pointed President of the Olympic Council of Ireland, joining the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in 1952. He assumed the presidency of the body in succession to the formidable American Avery Brundage in 1972, immediately after the Munich tragedy, and held the post until 1980.

His IOC period witnessed the expulsion of the Austrian skier Karl Schranz in 1972, and the exclusion of the team from Ian Smith's Rhodesia when faced with a boycott by black

protecting the games against the joint efforts of President Jimmy Carter and Margaret Thatcher.

By the time of his retirement he was already fearful of the danger to athletics from the rising use of performance-enhancing drugs. initially in the Eastern bloc but soon a global problem. He wrote about this and other dilemmas in his autobiography. My Olympic Years (1983).

In his latter years he was a familiar sight at Irish annual general meetings, a genial, white-haired,

Festival from 1958 to 1970, and Dublin's National Heritage Council from 1987. In 1950 he had been a founding member of the pioneering environmental group An Taisce which sustained a long defence of Georgian architecture against less than sensitive modern Dublin property development.

The honesty with which Michael Killanin carried out his sporting responsibilities was in marked contrast to the financial scandals that recently rocked the Olympic movement. The Irish sports minister Jim McDaid said. "His status and the world-wide esteem in which he was held in Olympic circles was a source played a notable part in the develin particular his beloved Galway race festival."

ALAN MURDOCH

Michael Morris, journalist, soldier, film producer and sports caministrator: born London 30 July 1914: succeeded 1927 as third Baron Küioniri: MBE 1945; TD 1945; President. Olympic Council of Ireland 1950-73: member International Olympic Committee 1952-36. Vice-President 1963-72. President 1972-80. married 1945 Shella Durlipp three sons, one daughter; died

## Antonio Narducci

lished his book on Nat Tate, a mysterious Abstract Expressionist painter, it was a disguised work of fiction and Boyd had no idea that exactly such a figure actually existed. Hardly anybody had heard of Antonio Narducci, despite his being a founding member of the Abstract Expressionist movement who had done nothing but dedicatedly make art for more than 60 years.

Whatever the reasons for his obscurity, Narducci was a highly trained professional painter who was an integral part of the most important movement of 20th-century American art but who only had one formal exhibition and subsequently refused to show his work. Narducci had the career profile of an eccentric "outsider" recluse, the difference being that he had spent years at art school, teaching and working on government commissions and both knew and was respected by the most famous artists of his era.

The culmination of all his creative labours was the PAN Art Museum and Institute (PAN for Pietro Antonio Narducci) in the small New Jersey town of Denville. Located on Main Street above a row of suburban shops, PAN is a warren of small rooms where Narducci lived and worked for the last 35 years; in previous decades the museum had been located just one block away. It was there that Narducci, obsessed with work, painted all day, every day, conducted optical experiments with unusual materials and gave

occasional lessons to local students. Every evening he put on a small show of his recent paintings for the townspeople, hung and spotlit in the windows of his museum, the only venue he could trust to show his work in exactly the way he wanted. of pride for all Irish people. He The PAN Museum now houses the entire Narducci archive - at a rough opment of Irish horse racing, and estimate over 2,000 works in a wide variety of media.

Narducci was born in 1915 in a small Italian mountain town in the Gran Sasso, where he could ski into the front room of his parents' house. He was largely raised by priests at the next-door Catholic church. His father left for America and when Narducci was 15 he followed, to escape Mussolini's Fascist recruitment of Italian youth. He joined his father in New Jersey and soon enrolled at the Leonardo da Vinci art school in Manhattan. In 1936 Narducci moved to the Beaux-Arts Institute of Design to study sculpture.

Having studied fresco restoration with the Metropolitan Museum, he began working as a painter for the Federal Arts Project, in the tion. Murzi Division and he won the Prix de Rome for one of his gigantic frescoes. This work was shown at Grand Central gallery i-ii, 1984) with several books such as and other luminaries. Narducci's Alarm. Budapest!". 1939). Haborii | gallery by horse-drawn wagon. When the show ended, the gallery Storm over Eastern Europe", 1990). | monumental work and let loose jealous students with sledgehammers.



WHEN WILLIAM Boyd recently public was the last time Narducci would show in public.

The two catalysts for his discovery of Abstract Expressionism and Modernism in general were, first, being introduced to Stravinsky's Rite of Spring by an opera-singer girlfriend and then being led into the Cedar Tavern, an artists' wateringhole in Manhattan. Its roster of nascent stars included Jackson Pollock, Willem De Kooning, Sam Francis and Franz Kline, the latter becoming his closest friend in the group and indeed outside of it.

Narducci was known as "Tony" rather than Antonio and his Cedar Tavern nickname was "The Lizard" or "New Jersey Lizard from the Swamps" as he commuted to the bar from Denville. He was also known as "The Prince", because of his aristocratic airs.

The great love of his life was his wife, who went by the stage name of Muriel Reed, an Irish-Catholic-Russian-Jewish ballerina from a theatrical family. It was only after they married in 1943, with his best man the then curator of the Guggenheim Museum, that he discovered she could speak English. The marriage did not work out and in 1951 he was crushed by the simultaneous blow of divorce and the accidental death of his five-year-old only son.

In many ways this was a turningpoint. Several of his old artist friends were already dead; the last time he had seen De Kooning the two of them sat on a New York sidewalk sharing a pastrami sandwich, then De Kooning drove back to the Hamptons and Narducci to New Jersey, neither of them ever to return to the city. Elaine de Kooning's words in a letter to Narducci's two daughters described both artists' situation; "Bill, too, is a recluse and never visits the city if he can help it. He just wants to stay in his studio and paint."

That was all Narducci wanted to do, but he also worked at various jobs, such as antique dealing. Planning to join the American air force he discovered he had signed up for American Airlines instead. He was employed there as a graphic artist and designed the company logo of an eagle which is still in use today. But Narducci slowly retreated into selfimposed exile in his museum, taking students but otherwise entirely refusing the outside world. Increasing agoraphobia and sensitivity to cold ensured he rarely left his quarters and would take a taxi just to visit his dentist a few streets away.

His aesthetic experimentations and steady creative evolution were for his eyes only. If his painting style had already changed from neoclassical to Ab Ex. such as the Nebula series of 1954 and cast-concrete sculpture like Apollonian, it then shifted dramatically again. Using an oscilloscope wired to a camera he kept on his fire escape pointing into the sun, Narducci began painting with light and sound waves, the first ever paintings done with the energy of the sun, abstract images captured on film and transformed into cybernetic paintings and huge sculptures such as Cosmic Woman, which was even wired for sound.

Narducci never ceased to try new techniques and considered that his personal breakthrough to the "next step" of purest creativity came in 1985 when he began using acrylics mixed with rainwater and ammonia. elements from the universe taken directly from nature. This series of Quintessential Aesthetics occupied him until his death and was a secret shared only with his children and occasional chosen students.

ADRIAN DANNATT

Pietro Antonio Narducci, artist: born Pietro Carmella, Italy I February 1915; married 1943 Muriel Reed (two daughters, and one son deceased; marriage dissolved 1951): died Denville, New Jersey 1 March 1999.

## decency' and gave Ireland a high profile in the world of sport

Genial, white-haired, dapper, Killanin represented 'auld

create a sentimental image and international affection for rural Irish life that contributed hugely to building tourism in the west of Ireland.

Also at this period Killanin wrote a biography of the 18th-century por-George I. Sir Godfrey Kneller (Sir Godfrey, Kneller and His Times 1646-1723. 1943: He later published The Shell Guide to Ireland (1975) with Professor Michael Duignan. and My Ireland (1987).

His role as a sports administra-

African states. The 1976 games in Mortreal saw an African and Asian boycott in opposition to the participation of New Zealand, which had maintained rugby contacts with South Africa during the apartheid regime.

Kilianin further managed to uphold the Olympic spirit amid the fierce strains imposed by the American and British government opposition to the Moscow Games in 1980. in the aftermath of the Russian invasion of Afghanistan in December 1979. It was his greatest battle, prodapper gentleman representing patrician "auld decency" amid the claret and cigars atmosphere of the blue-chip boardrooms where he held directorships. They included the brewers Beamish and Crawford. the tobacco manufacturers Gallahers. Lombard and Uister Bank and Irish Shell

In Ireland Killanin, a member of the Turf Club from 1971, also served on a variety of state bodies including a commission on thoroughbred horse breeding between 1982 and 1986 He chaired the Dublin Theatre Dublin 25 April 1999.

## Péter Gosztonyi

AFTER THE 1956 Hungarian revolution several participants of the first anti-Soviet uprising in European history left Hungary and became modern historians abroad. Apart from Béla Király, who found a new home in the United States, such a person was Peter Gosztonyi, who settled down in Switzerland and became one of the best historians of the Second World War and its aftermath.

Gosztonyi (in foreign publications he used the name "Gosztony") came from a middle-class Budapest family. Born in 1931, he was too young to have been involved in the war and his first choice of a profession was unconnected with history: he studied for a degree in Economics which he obtained in 1953 in Budapest, at the Academy of Economics (Közgazdasági Főiskola).

As an officer in reserve he was called up for regular military service in 1956 and appointed the commander of an "auxiliary labour unit" consisting of politically unreliable young Hungarians doing military service. The unit was housed in the socalled Kilian Barracks in the centre many publications followed in Ger-

of Budapest; the Commander-in-Chief was a certain Colonel Pál Maléter. The personality of Maléter made a lifelong impression on the young

Gosztonyi and in a sense determined his later career, for the colonel (promoted to general during the revolution by Imre Nagy) was one of the top-ranking officers who switched sides in late October 1956 and became Minister of Defence in Nagy's last revolutionary government. After the suppression of the revolution Maléter was tried, and executed for "treason" in 1958; Gosztonyi fled Hungary to avoid imprisonment.

As he spoke German but did not want to stay in neutral Austria, Gosztonyi sought asylum in Switzerland where he studied at Zurich University, obtaining a doctorate in history there in 1963. From 1963 until his retirement he was Director of the Osteuropa-Bibliothek of the private Schweizerische Stiftung in Bern. This post allowed him to do research on modern military and political history from an independent position and from the mid-1960s onwards

French. In fact, the first collection which he edited was in French: Histoire du soulevement honorois 1956 (1966). It includes important source ma-

terial on the history of the 1956 revolution. This was almost immediately followed by Der ungarische Volksaufstand in Augenzeugenberichten ("The Hungarian Popular Uprising in Eyewitness Accounts") edited by Gosztonyi, published in Dusseldorf in 1966 and republished in Munich in 1981. He also wrote a history of the 1956 uprising in Hungarian, A magyar forradalom története (1981), which ran into several editions, including one in Budapest in 1989. Another publication on a similar theme was the collection Aufstände unter dem Roten Stern ("Uprisings in the Shadow of the Red Star"), published in 1979.

Apart from the history of 1956 which remained Gosztonyi's lifelong theme (he published many studies about it in such Hungarian émigré publications as Irodolmi much on the history of the Second World War. He managed to interview numerous important German military participants still alive in the 1960s and 1970s, adding interesting details to already known narratives.

The results of Gosztonyi's research were published in books such as Endkampf an der Donau 1944-1945 ("Final Struggle at the Daube", 1969: Der Kampf um Berlin in Augenzeugenberichten "The Struggle for Berlin in Eyewitness Accounts", edited. 1970), Hitlers fremde Heere ("Hitler's Foreign Armies", 1976), Die Rote Armee, Geschichte und Aufbau der Sowjetischen Streitkrafte seit 1917 "The Red Army: a history and development of the Soviet armed forces since 1917", 1980) and Stalins fremde Heere ("Stalin's Foreign Armies", 1991).

Although Gosztonyi had published much in Hungarian even before 1989, after that date he became a popular historian in Hungary, following up his Magyarország a máújság and Uj látóhatár), the sodik világháborúban ("Hungary in

man, Hungarian and, occasionally, in Hungarian-Swiss historian wrote the Second World War", volumes along with work by Isamu Noguchi Foltomodott a tenger ... 1956: "The classical fresco of wild stallions was Sea has Arisen . . . 1956", 1989). Lé- painted on a concrete wall so heavy giveszely. Budapest! "Air Raid it had to be delivered to the uptown van, haboru! ("It's war, it's war.", 1990). Vihar Kelet-Europa felett ("A | did not know what to do with such a and a biography of Admiral Horthy. the inter-war Regent of Hungary, A kormanyzó Horthy Miklós ("The Governor, Nicholas Horthy, 1990).

All these collections of essays and studies were characterised by a colourful style and an intense involvement in whatever their author discussed. Between 1992 and 1994 Péter Gosztonyi made several research trips to Moscow and during the past few years he was working on a longer study on Soviet military thinking in the post-war period.

GEORGE GOMORI

Péter Gosztonyi, historian and journalist: born Budapest 2 December 1931; married 1958 Yvonne Meyes (one son); died Berne, Switzerland 29 March 1999. Narducci: 'The Lizard'

## Sir James Cobban

NO ONE who knew James Cobban - headmaster of Abingdon School over two decades - is ever likely to forget him. He was a character. He spoke rapidly and at a volume appropriate for addressing a school assembly in the open air and into the wind. Many were the somnolent members of after-hunch meetings of headmasters or of the Synod jerked visibly back to wakefulness by an explosive "Mr Chairman" from Cobban.

His clarity of vision matched his energy. He nearly always knew what should be done, and colleagues found themselves swept up in the enterprise. Notes from "J.M.C.", written late in the evening and in masters' pigeon-holes before breakfast, worded "Pl. sp." (please speak) or "Action pl.", had to be dealt with at once, and were.

As a result Cobban transformed Abingdon School between his arrival The school he took over was a small



Cobban: 'Action pl.'

grammar school of 230 boys, usually called Roysse's after its founder and almost unknown outside the county of Berkshire. The new headthere in 1947 at the age of 36 and his master quickly realised the opporretirement more than 23 years later. tunity provided by the recently established Atomic Energy Re-

search Establishment at Harwell, behave, and even through the cynwith clever sons to educate. Despite shortages of money he doubled the some pride in ensuring that he left to his successor in 1970 a school of

ber stipulated by the founder in 1563. His achievement stands comparison with those of the giants of the profession. In many ways it was more meritorious for, while they took to respond. After Sunday chapel, on great schools and made them even better, he alone brought a school from obscurity to national recognition. Since the ability to delegate was the one virtue he lacked. that achievement can fairly be said to have been his alone.

He cared passionately about every aspect of the school's life. Like other direct grant schools, Abingdon (as Roysse's was quickly renamed) had a wide social mix. Cobban believed boys capable of going on to

manned by hundreds of scientists ical Sixties he included social etiquette as well as moral issues among the lectures he gave to the area owned by the school and took sixth form each week. He himself was unfailingly courteous to everyone - to colleagues however tire-630 pupils, exactly 10 times the num- some, to boys however small or however rebellious, and to parents however unreasonable. He spoke to every single boy as he went about his business and he expected them boarders paraded past him to be individually greeted by name - usually, but (to the quiet delight of the boys)

not invariably, the correct one. Cobban knew he wanted to be a schoolmaster by the time he left Pocklington School, York, with a scholarship to Jesus College, Cambridge, where he took a first in Classics and the Gladstone Prize. After a year studying in Vienna and Rome, he taught for three years, 1933-36, at King Edward VI School. important jobs should know how to Southampton. There, he co-authored

the Latin reader Civis Romanus (1936) which remained continuously in print for 50 years and sold close to half a million copies.

In 1936 he moved to Dulwich College, where no fewer than 23 of his classical sixth won open awards years before the war and his departure for the Intelligence Corps. Having survived the Normandy beaches shortly after D-Day and (thanks to a bedroom door which fell across his bed) a V2 attack in London, he went to Germany as a Lieutenant-Colonel to reorganise local government on democratic lines. He delighted in doing business with his German opposite numbers in Latin when their English and his German ran out, and he brought back a system for filing documents used by the German ministries. At Abingdon School it was widely believed to have been exclusive to the German secret service as it proved impenetrable to everyone but Cobban himself.

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in after-dinner speeches, talks and even sermons, laughter was never far away. People left his company warmed by his wit as well as by his interest in them. Yet he had suffered two disasters which would to Oxford or Cambridge in the three have felled a lesser man. The loss of his two-year-old son in an accident, and then in 1961, after 20 years of happy marriage, the death of his beloved wife Lorna, who had worked tirelessly beside him as the school and their family grew, were blows survived only because of his exceptionally firm faith. His was the simple, straightforward, practical Christianity of a genuinely good man

With time in retirement to become "a full-time busybody", Cobban completed 10 years as Chairman of the Abingdon Rural District Bench and served for 15 years on the General Synod. He was knighted in 1982 on the introduction of the Assisted Places Scheme of which he was the

In daily conversation as well as chief architect. For 27 years he wrote a monthly column for his diocesan magazine and until two years before his death he preached regularly in six churches near his home in Yeovil. He took pleasure in the visits of old pupils even when he could no longer outwalk them on the Downs, and in the company and achievements of an affectionate and talented family of four daughters.

ERIC ANDERSON

James Macdonald Cobban, headmaster and educationist: born Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire 14 September 1910; Assistant Master. King Edward VI School, Southampton 1933-36; Classics sixth-form Master, Dulwich College 1936-40: 1946-47; Headmaster, Abingdon School 1947-70; member, General Synod 1970-85; CBE 1971; Kt 1982; married 1942 Lorna Marlowe (died 1961; four daughters, and one son deceased); died Yeovil, Somerset 19 April 1999.

## Señor Wences

IN THE film Bells Are Ringing (1960), Judy Holiday and Dean Martin are singing "Just in Time". In between the first and second chorus, they indulge in a playful exchange of Spanish accented dialogue: "S'okay?" "S'awright!" "S'awright!" "S'okay!" American audiences of the Sixties responded immediately to this quote from the variety act of the master ventriloquist Senor Wences, who was then being seen regularly on Ed Sullivan's hugely popular television show.

The film Tin Men was set in 1963, and rightly included a scene in which two salesmen (played by Bruno Kirby and Danny DeVitor chat over breakfast in a Baltimore diner. "You watch Ed Sullivan, right?" "Right."

Which act do you like better - the guy that spins the plates, or do you like the guy with the hand puppets?"

Senor Wences - the hand puppets. I love the guy!" "He's better than the guy who spins

the plates?" "Course he's better! Plus, he's got no

overhead: the man's got a hand - and The "box" contained Pedro, a dis-

embodied talking head. The "hand" was Wences's own, which he transformed into his principal character Johnny - or "Yonny" as he called him, in a Spanish accent that retained its thickness for more than nine decades.

In comparing Wences to a plate spinner. Tin Men's writer-director Barry Levinson was probably being mischievous, in as much as plate-spinning was another of the dapper Spaniard's specialities; he could actually throw his voice all over the stage, while spinning a heavy silver plate on a pole which rested on the bridge of his aristocratic nose.

Born in Salamanca in Spain in 1896, Wenceslao Moreno learned ventriloquism at an early age, throwing his voice around the classroom to answer "Present!" for friends who were, in fact, absent. At 15 he became one of Spain's youngest matadors. "My style in the bullfight was very quiet," he told an interviewer. "Very elegant." He fought hundreds of bulls before being gored so seriously that he had to retire. To regain control of his injured arm, he learned juggling, becoming so practised that he found work in a circus. He also juggled in South American circuses before emigrating to the United States in 1934 and concentrating on ventriloquism.

He often recalled that at first he was "just another ventriloquist with a dummy", until that dummy was mangled in a train crash. As only the head survived. Wences was forced to walk onstage for his next booking carrying a box containing a Pedro whose torso was conspicuous by its absence. Removing the lid, he asked with understandable concern, "Pedro, you are OK?" When the head replied in a sepulchral voice, "S'awright!", a catchphrase as well as a career was born.

To create his character Johnny (a hand puppet in the truest sense, he indicated a nose with a smudge of black eye pencil, drew a lipstick streak where his index finger met his thumb and then joined them to produce a mouth. After adding an auburn pageboy wig with wob-bly plastic eyes attached to its fringe he placed the "head" on Johnny's body, a dummy torso dressed as Wences must have been dressed himself as a small boy in the early 1900s; a white-collared shirt, black shorts with buttoned-on straps, white stockings and black boots.

Johnny proceeded to sing a Spanish ballad in his falsetto voice, during which the Senor stuffed a handkerchief in his

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"mouth". Johnny sang on, even when Wences began to smoke. He then offered his cigarette to Johnny, who inhaled and ~ to the bafflement of audiences, not to mention every other ventriloquist somehow blew a series of perfectly formed smoke rings.

In 1942 Wences appeared on Broadway with the singer Jane Froman and the comedians Ed Wynn and Smith and Dale in Laugh, Town, Laugh. A vaudeville-style revue, it ran for only 65 performances.

The successful film Mother Wore Tights (1947) starred Betty Grable and Dan Dailey as Myrtle and Frank Burt, a blissfully married vaudeville team. Although the period of the story was turn-of-the-century, Wences played himself, entertaining the Burts' young daughters at a Christmas party. During his scene, the cameras were much closer than most ventriloquists would



Wences at home in New York aged 100

have liked, but his technical proficiency triumphed. The show-business historian Stanley Green succinctly described Wences's artistry as "sleightof-mouth".

The following year, Wences made his television début on Milton Berle's Texaco Star Theater. This was followed by appearances on the Sid Caesar/Imogene Coca Your Show of Shows, The Jack Benny Program, The Jack Paar Show and, of course, The Ed Sullivan Show. Sullivan asked him back more than 50 times. He also toured with Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis, played most of the hotels in Las Vegas and, in 1962, returned to Broadway in a variety show starring Danny Kaye.

In the 1970s Wences moved to Paris, where, for several years he was one of the key attractions at the Crazy Horse Saloon. On his return to the United States, he appeared in such television programmes as It's Garry Shandling's Show and The David Letterman Show, and at the age of 90 toured with Mickey Rooney and Ann Miller in the revue ugar Babies.

Wences and Natalie, his wife for more than 50 years, were by then based in New York where, on his 100th birthday, the Friars Club gave him something few centenarians receive - lifetime membership. After stepping up, with the aid of a cane, to accept the honour, he paused dramatically at the microphone before asking "S'okay?" Then, from the opposite side of the stage, his deeper voice barked the inevitable "S'awright!"

DICK VOSBURGH

Wenceslao Moreno (Senor Wences) ventriloquist: born Salamanca, Spain 20 April 1896; married, died New York

LITERARY NOTES

## Royal mistress in a museum case

WHEN THE painter Walford and the reviewer open his Graham Robertson first saw Lillie Langtry he was so struck by her beauty that he stopped in the middle of Hyde Park Corner and had to be snatched from under the wheels of the approaching Barnes bus, When he reached the safety of the pavement Lillie had disappeared. "Clearly," he commented, "she had been an hallucination, she had no real existence. No human woman could be like that." Later. after she had died, he pursued the theme of Lillie's unreality. He wrote, "I could never feel that she had actual existence - the fantastic unreality of a dream was about her; she was a

museum piece . . . ' So Lillie was a woman in a glass case - put there in the first place, by painters and poets for her flawless beauty, and kept there by her own determination, long after their admiration and her perfection had waned. The problem for her biographer is how to get her out - how, at any rate, not to be just another visitor, nose pressed to the glass, viewing the front that Lillie chose to present to her public.

The best way of doing this would be to climb into the case alongside her, to ask. and answer, the question, why was she there? But any reply would be the result of speculation and speculation is not fashionable any more. It makes the reader nervous

not yet initiated, not only in

the High Court but also in the

The Court of Appeal dis-

missed the appeals of Gedal-

jahu Ebert against orders

restraining him from making

further applications in certain

The appellant had brought a

series of vexatious proceed-

ings against his trustee in bank-

ruptcy and Mr Rolf Wolff, and

against the liquidator of Euro-

pride Ltd and the Midland Bank

plc. As a result, the Attorney

General had, on 4 December

1998, instituted proceedings

against him under section 42 of

the Supreme Court Act 1981.

Those proceedings were yet to

The appellant appealed against two orders of Neu-

berger J dated 7 July 1998 and

appropriate circumstances to

make Grepe v Loam orders

prohibiting new proceedings

being commenced without

the leave of the court and if

so, whether the orders could

prohibit county court proceed-

ings as well as High Court

The appellant appeared in per-

BRIGHTON STAYS true to

Graham Greene's spirit. He

county court.

proceedings.

be beard.

mouth wide in horror.

This is strange in an age where we are generally and habitually psychologyfriendly Speculation does not need to be unfounded. To read a primary source, a diary or a letter, is to eavesdrop on a direct communication. To read a contemporary memoir is to listen to the first-hand account of a friend. Both can lead to a knowledge of their subject that is personal, a form of friendship

Biography is a curious

hybrid. It combines historical

method with emotional response. Its promise is familiarity and its practice betrayal. How could it be anything but personal? Why do we worry so much about being unobtrusive and impartial? Why do we strive after autopsy when we might instead create a ghost? Since we live in the heads of our friends, surely we should dare the same with our ancestors. Speculation, if it is conscientious and informed - if it is an attempt to understand, to explain but not excuse - is, quite literally, invigorating. It is one of the tools for bringing the past to life.

There are some subjects more suited to this treatment than others. Kings and queens, all those who have changed the course of history, do not need new technique. Their lives are happily told within the established chronological framework of

recorded events. Lillie Langtry's is not. She was whirled to fame at the age of 24. She was the mistress of the Prince of Wales, bore an illegitimate child in secret. skated past bankruptcy, was befriended by Oscar Wilde. became an actress, made a fortune, took up racing, made another, and died lonely and

in exile at the age of 76. What she did is lurid enough. What is more interesting to the modern mind is what it did to her. She is the perfect example of someone for whom speculative biography is a must. If we make no attempt to understand her choices, to unravel the tangle of her motivation, she will remain the museum piece that she was to her

contemporaries. Whether or not we recognise the challenge, it is time to expand. Our past is receding faster and faster. It ought to be possible to take a deep breath, to take confidence in the unchanging nature of human experience, and set up a new form of biography beside the old - one that will be looser, less tied to chronology, more thematic, and expressive of its own dynamic, full of reaction and speculation. There will always be much that will be wrong, but then, is anything ever exclusively right?

Laura Beatty is the author of 'Lillie Langtry: manners. masks and morals' (Chatto and Windus, £20)

### **GAZETTE**

### DEATHS

**BRANFORD:** Henrietta Diana Primrose Longstaff, celebra children's author, 53, died of breast cancer, peacefully at home with her husband and three children on 23 April 1999. Private cremation, All welcome to attend colebration and reflecto attend celeoration and renec-tion on her life and work at Southampton Art Gallery, Civic Centre, Southampton, 5.30pm, Tuesday 4 May 1999. No flowers. Donations to Wessex Cencer Trust or Oxfam, c/o Co-operative Funeral Service, The Lawns Funeral Home, 461 Butis Road, Sholing, Southampton, telephone Sholing, South 01703 448322

MUSMAN: On 25 April Chioé (née Holland), in Oxford, after a short illness. Beloved mother of Melanie and Rosaliad, and grandmother of Tam, Lenny, Laura, Michael and Ewan. Fimeral at Oxford Crematorium

### ROYAL **ENGAGEMENTS**

YESTERDAY, I discussed Vis-

were a 486-33!

### **MARRIAGES** & DEATHS

BIRTHS,

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BISHOP: A reception in memory of the late Sir George Bishop will be held at the Royal Geographical Society, Kensington Gore, London SW7 2AR, on Thursday 27 May 1999 from 3pm to 5.30pm. Anyone wishing to make a donation in his memory. make a donation in his memory, to encourage travel and exploration by young people, should send a cheque payable to the Royal Geographical Society at the above address, marking the envelope "George Bishop Fund". For GAZETTE, ring 0171-293 2012.

The Prince of Wales opens the Dudley Sta-tuonery Distribution Centre, holders of the Prince of Wales's Warrant, at Crown Close, Wick Lane, London ES; and, as President, Rusiness in the Community, visita the Pas-sage Day Centre, St Vincent's, Carlisle Place, London SWI, and attends the Soeing is Believing Bunclessness Seminar The Duke of Keat, Grand Master, United Grand Lodge of England, attends the Annual Investiture at Freemasons Hall, London

SW2, and later attends the Grand Pestival Dinner at the Savoy Hotel, London WC2. Princess Alexandra, Deputy Honorary Calonel, visits the Royal Yeomany at the Duke of York's Hendquarters, King's Road, London SW3.

CHANGING OF THE GUARD The Household Cavairy Mounted Regime mounts the Queen's Life Guard at Horse Guards, 11sm; 138 Baitainn Coldstream Guards mounts the Queen's Guard, at Backingham Palace, 11.30am, band provided by the Grenaduer Guards.

### Birthdays

Miss Ann-Margret, actress, 58; Mr Ian Beer, former Head Master, Harrow School, 68: Professor Hugh Bentall, cardiologist, 79: Mr Michael Brearley, psychoanalyst and cricketer, 57; Baroness Carne gy of Lour, educationist and former councillor, 74; Sir Ivor Cohen, former chairman, Rem-ploy, 68; Mr Andrew Colvin, Comptroller and City Solicitor. Corporation of London, 52; Commandant Elizabeth Craig-McFeely, former Director, WRNS, 72: Dr Kenneth Kaunda, former president of Zambia 75; Miss Nicola LeFanu, composer, 52; Sir John Leonard. former High Court judge, 73; Earl Lloyd George of Dwyfor, underwriter. 75: Dr Michael Longfield, former Vice-Chancellor, University of Teesside, 71; The Right Rev Morris Maddocks, Hon Assistant Bishop, Chichester. 71; Mr William Moodie, former chief constable, Fife, 58; Dr Jeffrey Tate, conductor, 56; Mr John Thorn, writer and former Headmaster, Winchester College, 74; Mr Garry Weston, chairman, Associated British Foods, 72: Mrs Helen Williams, former High Mistress, St Paul's Girls' School, 61: Mr Kenneth Williams, Chief Constable, Norfolk, 55; **Mr Jame**s Wray MP, 61.

### ANNIVERSARIES

Births: Jean Audran, artist and engraver, 1667; Anthony Ashley Cooper, seventh Earl of Shaftes bury, statesman and philanthropist, 1801; Sir James Erasmus Wilson, dermatologist, who, at his own expense, brought "Cleopatra's Needle" to London, 1809: Lionel Barrymore (Blythe), actor, 1878: Antonio de Oliveira Salazar, prime minister and dictator of Portugal, 1889; Adolphe Anthony Goossens, horn player, 1896: Oskar Schindler, businessman and humanitarian, 1908. Deaths: Sir Alexander Campbell Mackenzie, composer. 1935; Benito Amilcare Andrea Mussolini. statesman, executed by Italian partisans 1945; Ed (Edward lames: Begley, actor. 1970; Francis Bacon, painter, 1992; Olivier Messiaen, composer and organist, 1992. On this day: the foundation stone of Salisbury Cathedral was laid, 1220; Pope Clement XII issued a bull condemning freemasonry, 1738; Captain Cook landed at. and named, Botany Bay and New South Wales, 1770; the crew of HMS Bounty, led by Fletcher Christian, mutinied, 1789; the

League of Nations was founded 1919; Thor Heyerdahl and companions set off from Peru on the Kon-Tiki expedition, 1947. Today is the Feast Day of St Cronan of Roscrea, St Cyril of Turov, St Louis Grignion of Montfort, St Pamphilus of Sulmona, St Peter Mary Chanel, St Pollio, Saints Theodora and Didymus, St Valeria and St Vitalis, Today is also the first day of the Muslim

### LECTURES

National Gallery: Alexander Sturgis, "Van der Weyden (iv): van der Weyden in Context".

ipm. Victoria and Albert Museum: Nancy Osborn, "Women's Dress Cut and Construction 1730-1830", 2pm. British Museum: Delia Pem-berton, "Building and Builders in Ancient Egypt", 11.30am. National Portrait Gallery: John Tchalenko, Humphrey Occan, Honor Clerk, "The Painter's Eye", 1.10pm. Royal Society of Arts, London WC2: Rear-Admiral Patrick Rowe, "Trinity House and the Millennium", 6pm. Wallace Collection, London W1: Robert Wenley, "Works of Art from the French Royal Col-

> 23 October 1998 restraining him from making further apolications in the current proceedings. On the appeals the issue arose, inter alia, whether the court had jurisdiction in

to reveal the position in the suit Now he had an easy exit with a club to end-play West who was now marked with an original 4-2-1-6 distribution and had been forced to part with three clubs.

black suit end-play finishes West. (I leave you to work out the winning play after an open-ing lead of \$Q - but you will be unlikely to find it at the table.)

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Game all; dealer West North 49632 ۳Q2 ⊕KQJ93 West East **◆**K 10 8 7 **4**5 TA 10865 0A854 **+**QJ10965 **4**83 South **◆**AQJ4 ™K93

son; Paul Emerson (Carter Backer Winter) for the trustee in bankruptcy: Robert Hantusch (Teacher Stern & Selby) for Mr Wolff; Gilead Cooper (Ince & Co) for Mr Rabinowitz as intervenor, Andrew Mitchell (Eversheds) for

proceedings.

### THE HIGH Court had power under the inherent jurisdic-WEDNESDAY LAW REPORT tion to make orders restraining vexatious proceedings which were anticipated but

Jurisdiction to prevent

anticipated proceedings

28 APRIL 1999

Ebert v Birch and another; Ebert v Vanvil and another

Court of Appeal (Lord Woolf, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Otton and Lord Justice Aldous) 30 March 1999

the Midland Bank plc; Ian Burnett QC (Treasury Solicitor) as amicus curiae.

Lord Woolf MR said that, notwithstanding the statutory power in section 42 of the Supreme Court Act 1981 to make an order on the application of the Attorney General to prevent the initiation of proceedings without the leave of the High Court, the inherent jurisdiction of the court remained. It was however more restricted than the statutory power.

When approaching the question whether the inherent jurisdiction permitted the making of orders in the wider form permitted under statute, the starting point had to be the extensive nature of the inherent jurisdiction of any court to prevent its procedure being abused. There was no reason why, absent the intervention of a statute cutting down the jurisdiction, that jurisdiction should apply only in relation to existing proceedings and not to vexatious proceedings which were manifestly threatened but not yet initiated The court could and did

grant injunctions to stay spe-cific anticipated proceedings both in the English courts and abroad. Where the injunction was in relation to foreign proceedings, the jurisdiction was not exercised by interfering with the foreign court. Instead, the injunction was granted against an individual and was enforceable personally against that individual. The ability of the court to operate in that way when the proceedings were only anticipated was no more than an example of the court being prepared to protect an applicant from anticipated damage when that damage was suf-

ficiently imminent and serious. The court undoubtedly had the power to stay or strike out vexatious proceedings when they were commenced, and there was no reason in principle why it should not also, in accord with the general approach to the granting of quia timet injunctions, exercise that power to prevent the serious loss that anticipated but unidentified proceedings could cause the defendants to those proceedings.

If the court had jurisdiction to make an order in relation to proceedings anticipated but not yet intiated in the High Court, there was no doubt that the High Court had power to make such an order in relation to the county court as well. The county court would give effect to a High Court order in the same way as it would give effect to a county court order.

It would be absurd today when there was a process of merger between the High Court and the county court if it were necessary for a separate order to be made in the county court. KATE O'HANLON

WORDS

CHRISTOPHER HAWTREE candied, adj.

Evening Argus, the agony aunt Rebecca Gray advises a woman whose boyfriend keeps buying her exiguous underwear - even though she never wears it: "Be very candied and just tell it like it is." A perfect, inadvertent word for sweetening the pill (Ms Gray's editor also twice let through "me" for "my"). And, in the North Laines of Brighton, a huge. painted sign calls it a "Conversation Area" - churlish, then, of the residents to object to another café.

### tactical mèlées and his great self-confidence; and although I

**CHESS** 

wanathan Anand's possible "Ultimate World Chess Chamhad the White pieces in our pionship" match with Garry game. I ended up having to take some care to make a draw. Last Kasparov this October Easily faster than any other year in Torquay, he was less impressive against me, though we player I've ever analysed or had still drew; but he showed hima post-mortem with - Kasparov, Karpov and Tal includself to great advantage with draws against Short and ed - Anand to work with was Sadler, both of whom he came once (some while ago, as you can tell from the outdated hard-

close to defeating. Sashikiran had a disaster at ware analogy) likened by the Goodricke Open in Cal-John Nunn to grappling with a cutta in February, scoring abys-Pentium-100 while you yourself mally against his countrymen and women. But he recovered Like any title contender, splendidly (in the absence, of Anand is quite singular and he has created no "Indian Chess course, of Anand but also Barua) to take first place in the School" in his wake. But they Indian Championship in Nagdo have some other strong pur - a monumental event run-ning from 27 March to 12 April players including two grand masters, the 32-year-old Dibwith 13/17 (11 wins, four yendu Barua and Praveen draws and two losses) a point Thipsay, who will be 40 this ahead of Thipsay 12, another good prospect, 22-year I.M. Abyear. Meanwhile much the most promising prospect is hijit Kunte, and G.B. Prakash I.M. Krishnan Sashikiran, who

(who's 27) on 11.

This second-round win

against his main rival shows

play: excellent technique in an

advantageous middlegame and 29 Rc5 Re8

was 18 in January. I first met Sashikiran at the British Championships two years ago in Hove, where he impressed me both with his apparently effortiess command of JON SPEELMAN then potentially treacherous rook ending.

2 c4 g6

White: Krishnan Sashikiran Black: Praveen Thipsay King's Indian Defence 1 d4 Nf6 30 Rca5 Rd7

31 Rxa7 Rd1+

32 Kh2 Bd5

3 Nc3 Bg7 33 Nd2 Rd8 4 e4 d6 5 N£3 0-0 34 Nc4 Bf6 35 R5a6 Kg7 6 Be2 Na6 36 Bxh6+ Kxh6 8 Be3 Ng4 37 Rxf6 Kg7 9 Bg5 Qe8 38 Rd6 Bxc4 10 dxe5 h6 39 Rxd8 Rxd8 11 Bd2 dxe5 40 bxc4 Rd2 12 h3 Nf6 41 (3 Rc2 13 Be3 Qe7 42 c5 Kg5 14 Nd5 Qd8 43 c5 Kg5 15 Qc1 Kh7 44 a4 f5 16 Rd1 Nd7 45 Rb5 Kf4 17 ¢5 ¢6 46 35 e4 18 Bxa6 cxd5 47 fxe4 fxe4 19 Rxd5 bxs6 48 a6 e3 20 c6 Qe8 49 a7 Ra2 21 cxd7 Bxd7 50 Rb7 e2 51 Re? Rxa? 22 Rc5 Qe6 23 Qc4 Rfc8 52 Rxe2 Rc7 24 Qxe6 Bxe6 53 Rc2 Rc6 25 Ra5 Re4 54 Rc4+ Ke3 26 Rxa6 Rxe4 55 Kg3 g5 another facet of Sashikiran's 27 b3 Rb4 56 Kg4 Kd3 28 RcI Rb7 57 Rc1 Kd2

## BRIDGE

BEFORE I tell the story of this deal, consider the East hand. After two passes at game all. would you (if available) open a Weak Two Hearts? For some players it would be automatic, but I would argue that (a) the suit is not strong enough, (b) there's too much defence. Look what happened when East did not worry about these factors and did open Two Hearts. South overcalled with 2 no-

trumps (17-19 points, natural): North raised to 3 no-trumps. So North-South avoided (missed?) their 4-4 spade fit where game would surely have failed. Also, West led ♥ J to queen, ace and three - giving South two tricks in the suit. East returned ₹10, which would have paid off if his partner had led from T.J 9 precisely. South won, Next came a diamond to the king and East held off to shut out the suit.

South continued with a losing spade finesse and West switched to &Q. After winning, declarer led another diamond. Again East ducked but took the next diamond and returned a club. South won, cashed his 😘 and a top spade

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If East had returned a club at trick two? No matter - South wins and plays a diamond. If East wins this and plays another club, the spade finesse is not needed; if East ducks the diamond, the same sort of

once spotted 37 misprints in a page of The Times. "Entertoinment" has a fine Cockney ring and "rampaign". combining in one word the ideas of campaign and rampage in an article on vandalism, deserves to find a permanent place in the OED. Now, in the Brighton

# You ask the questions

(Such as: David Bailey, did Ronnie Kray pay you to take his wedding photographs – or did you do it as a favour?)

avid Bailey, 61, was born in Leytonstone, east London. His first joo was as a debt collector for a well-known boxing referee. At 17 he did a year's conscripted service in the RAF, then blagged a job with top studio photographer John French. He had no formal training in photography. Less than two years later, aged 21, he shot his first cover for Vogue. Bailey has been married four times and has three children. David Bailey: Archive One, 1957-1969 by Martin Harrison is published by Thames & Hudson. An exhibition of Bailey's work during this period is showing at the Barbican. London EC2, to 27 June.

Why is it that black-and-white photography always seems somehow more "beautiful" than colour?

Gina Gregory, Hammersmith, London Black and white leaves it open to people's imagination. My daughter once asked me if the world was black and white when

You're identified in most people's minds as a man of the Sixties; in particular, with a time in which class barriers were being rapidly eroded. Is that how you remember it?

Roger Beauclete, Hackney, London The Sixties was a time of breaking down class barriers, although I think class still exists today in some areas.

Some people think you have a deep-rooted dislike of women. Would you describe yourself as a misogynist? Caro Gentie. Halifax

if some people think this, they must also think I'm a masochist as I have loved more women in my life than men. Ask my women friends - they will reassure you I am always on their side.

How do you rate William Eggleston? C Brown, Bottonam, Cambs I think William Esgleston's great.

How has photography as a profession changed since the Sixties? Which of today's photographers do you rate? What do you think of Juergen Teller? Andy Henderson, Gateshead

Photography is more about money now but then so are most things. I photographed Juergen Telier and liked him very much. Ironically, his lust for life.

wedding photos, or did you take them beautiful women in the world. What's

Mark Baster, Camberwell, London Ronnie Kray did not pay me. It was a favour. Humour.

so, what? Himesh Patel, Leicester Almost everything from Bach up, but not Moss, Damien Hirst too much current pop.

What's your favourite memory of Terence Donovan? Alex Spufford, Combridge

Do you listen to music as you work? If Who has "star quality" these days?

Aaron Clare. Hammersmith, London

Elste Rebuck, Chairont St Giles, Bucks Johnny Depp. Naomi Campbell, Kate

What did your wife used to think when you took pictures of her in very private moments? Or perhaps the wife of a photographer has no private moments?

Roger James, Odinam, Hants My wife is the greatest living person and Did Ronnie Krav pay you for taking his You have lived with some of the most. I respect her more than anyone. I always try to be honest with my pictures and not Tara Smurfitt, Beliast hide anything. Authors do the same thing No. they're only late.

but it is just more diffused. They can distort more than a photographer.

tographed, and would like to? Castro. He's the last great icon, like Mao.

Is there anyone you have never pho-

Stalin, Einstein etc. I make no moral judgement. I know everything should be photographed. It helps me make sense of

During your long career, has a model Grunny. ever refused to pose, or had a tantrum

Are there any models you have photographed and not had sex with? Selina Cnaudrary, London

What's the best camera you ever had? Ed Rozner Honiton Twin lens Rolleiflex and an Olympus Miu.

Catherine Deneuve first thing in the morning: nice or nasty?

John O'Šullivan, Edinburgh

involved with? Which model/celebrity, called supply and demand.

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has had the "face" of the 20th century? Mr SA Ledger-Lomas, Formby, Merseyside It is easier to work with people one knows, as did Fellini, Bergman, Ford. Jean Shrimpton is my "face" of the 20th century.

You like to make out you're sexist, yet your pictures of women, especially the early ones, suggest a reverence for them that betray your words. Which is the real you? Tom Baxter, Middlesborough

I have never been a sexist. My mother and my aunt Dolly formed me. My great loves have been strong women. I have more women friends than men. If I have any sexist feelings they are aimed at men: I hate manly men. Four men in a car talking about football is my idea of hell.

Are you a member of the family that makes that lovely drink you have at Christmas? Debs Ross, Crouch End, London

As nobody drinks in my family, I can't answer your question.

The faces of many of the models in the fashion pages give the impression of over-indulgence in drugs or sex, a low intelligence, or unbelievable boredom. Assuming that the models are deemed necessary, why is it that women readers are not discouraged from buying the ciothes?

John M Wilson, Beverley, Yorkshire I think you are taking a low-intelligence jects that you have become personally tabloids. People get what they want. It's

## Just too good to be true

Nurses have ditched Florence Nightingale as their founding mother because she was autocratic and bullying. But what use is a shy patron? Heroes are not to be confused with real people. By John Walsh

at the human level, a curmud-

geon, an overgrown schoolboy

ed. One hundred and forty-eight years after Florence Nightingale arrived at Scutari Hospital in the Crimea and turned it into a pitilessly scrubbed and scrupulously hygienic place where wounded soldiers might be treated without dying from an infection picked up from one of the pillows, her reputation lies in ruins. The Lady with the Lamp is herself being extinguished. The founding mother and patron

saint of modern nursing had a metaphorical kidney-dish flung at her matronly head by nursing delegates who attended the Unison conference in Brighton on Monday. Several speakers complained that

Nightingale was an outdated and politicised icon of nursing - white. middle-class, English and Protestant - and thus inappropriate for the multi-racial, classless, pan-global profile of the nursing community in the year 2000. Anyway, they threw in, she was a real bitch to her staff and

sucked up to all the doctors. In a gesture reminiscent of a court-martialled officer having his sword broken over the CO's knee, speakers demanded that the Congress of Nurses stop holding their international Nurses' Day on 12 May. Florence's birthday. That'll teach her. They just about stopped themselves from digging her up and giving her a good kicking.

Though the nurses are a little late in "exorcising the myth" of Florence Nightingale - Lytton Strachey did a pretty thorough job of it in Eminent Victorians, published in 1918 - the principle behind their revisionist cries is a fascinating one. It calls into question the kind of people we feel we need to have as our leaders, figureheads, patrons, saints, icons, accredited superstars, the things we require of them, and the changing needs of the flock, the faithful, the rank and file, the worshippers. Whether or not Ms Nightingale was the real "founder of nursing" rather than, say, Elizabeth Fry, the social reformer, she undoubtedly brought a new, steely, antiseptic aren't to be confused with real peo- no longer required, we've let







Saint or celebrity? WG Grace and Florence lose out to Delia and Ginola HultonGetty/PA

rigour to patient healthcare that still,

thank goodness, prevails. She became the image of the matron who gets things done, and that is her whole point. Whether someone else "inspired" her or not, wrote more of the nursing rule book, or was nicer to her juniors is beside the point. Our heroes are em-Elderflower Cordial are bodiments of supposed virtues. They

ple. WG Grace is the central icon in cricketing history, because he scored, bowled and caught opponents out like a bearded machine sent to destroy the enemy. Is the MCC likely to call for his posthumous resignation because a recent biography revealed the Victorian slogger to be,

and illiberal segregationist of amateurs and professionals? I don't think so. It's hard, likewise, to imagine Geoffrey Chaucer ever being dethroned from his position as "the father of English Literature" because the Gawain-poet got there before him. because Chaucer once held the rebarbative positions of customs officer and knight of the shires, or because some of the ruder Canterbury Tales involve Carry On material about bottoms and lyften-

up smocks. Both Grace and Chaucer sustain, unchallenged, in the hearts of the faithful because we instinctively respond to their largeness. We make patrons and saints out of people who bully us a little, who tell us what

to do. A century ago it was Mrs Beeton, whose Household Management you weren't allowed to neel a parsnip without consulting. Now that her recipes for Braised Squirrel and Delia Smith boss us ing generality of mankind. We felt around, and take on bullied by her goodness, doomed to Mrs Beeton's Dofeel morally stunted. So we made her a saint in order to salve our conas-I-savand-buy-his-toscience. Look at that, we said, Marmorrow-morning vellous, isn't she? Just not quite iconic mantle. human..

There are those of sorry decline from these pungent us who sometimes mythologies. The modern "figureed by Mother head" or "patron" is the means by Teresa Calcutta that combination of goodness and give-up-

which public sympathies may be enlisted for a cause; and all that's required of them is an off-thesinglemindedness, her implied reproach to the lazy,

peg celebrity. The nature of whatever it is they're supporting need have no special relevance to their life. When the Red Cross need a new "patron" to attract attention to their Landmine charity, following the death of the Princess of Wales. who do they call? David Ginola, the glamorous football star whose connection with war zones and legless people is confined to the last time his own team played against Arsenal. When the World Wildlife Fund needs royal patronage, they sign up Prince Philip, a chronic and pros-

Today's legends represent a

elytising huntsman, in the teeth of all logic and sympathy. And now that the singer Sinead O'Connor has become a priest she became Mother Bernadette

Mary of the Latin Tridentine church last week - we can expect he see her signed up as an "appropriate" iconheroine, by one of the caring professions, any day now. It's fundamentally an image thing. If only

one could zip back to

Scutari in 1854 and explain to Florence Nightingale that her martinet behaviour her determination to get her own way her courting of senior hospital medics to get what she wanted - are just doing her future reputation

### THE IRRITATIONS OF MODERN LIFE

38. LAVATORY ATTENDANTS BY HANNAH BAYMAN

BUNNY GIRLS at Hugh Heiner's Playboy mansion notoriously visited the bathroom in pairs. For me, at school, lavatory cubicles were places to hide out with mates, the fashion being to squeeze in as many as possible, like students in a Mini. Into womanhood, a trip to

the loo was still so much more fun if it was shared. Like the back stage of a theatre, the ladies' was a place to regroup, touch up make-up and swap notes. For the chucked, spurned or hopelessly pissed, it was somewhere to weep and wail in relative private, with friends on hand to dab your eves with lavatory paper before you headed back to the fray.

But then came the advent of the lavatory attendant - and the atmosphere of camaraderie that once hung thick in the ladies' began to evaporate like old air-freshener

At first, it was only the larger night-clubs that bothered with attendants to keep an eye on drunken loogoers. To soften their presence they offered a selection of toiletries and, initially, it was fun to freshen your scent or rent a hairbrush mid-evening. But it has become increasingly difficult to have a pee in peace in even the most average citycentre pub.

In cramped conveniences across Britain, surly attendants now sit at the sinks. barring your way until a stall is free. Flanked by bottles of hairspray, they thrust a paper napkin into your palm as you exit the cubicle, leaving you feeling like a five-year old who has been chided for not remembering to wash his hands. After taking the tissue, it is a brave visitor who can turn tail without leaving 50 pence on the silver tip dish. Nothing less will do (all small. change is removed at once, discouraging others from daring to be cheap). It's hard to he mean about someone who



Loo attendants are not always so friendly

spends their working life stuck in a lavatory. But the attendants are so often the female equivalent of belligerent bouncers, barking and even grabbing at punters who step out of line. Lingering is not allowed and sharing cubicles is banned; the last time I tried I was actually pulled away by the arm.

Marilyn Monroe knew what the little girls' room was really for. In one film, she excused herself to pay a visit, darting back seconds later to collect her forgotten powder-puff.

"What else would a girl do in a powder room but powder her nose?" she asked her male companion with wide-eyed innocence. But these days, powdering one's nose is often less innocent. Proprietors who want to hang on to their licences are using attendants to try to stop drug-taking on

the premises. As well as policing the lavatories, some of the smartest bars have even installed cisterns without lids to leave customers nowhere to chop up lines. Problem is, it leaves the rest of us girls nowhere to balance our Archer's and lemonade, never mind the powder-puff.

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# A little order in your life

Cheesy models. Naff clothing. Tasteless trinkets. That's mail order catalogues for you. Think again, says Rebecca Lowthorpe. Upmarket mail order provides stress-free shopping for discerning shoppers whose leisure time is at a premium

busy to shop? Do you suffer from what Doctor Cary Cooper calls

famine". Cooper knows all about it. As professor of occupational psychology at the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology, he compiles Umist's annual Quality of Working Life survey, analysing the lifestyle of 5,000 UK-based managers every year. "Gone are the days when we had lots of personal disposable time," he says. "Work now intrudes into everybody's personal space." If you know how that feels, then perhaps you should consider the unthinkable and pick up the

The mail order catalogue, traditionally considered as terminally naff as toilet-roll dollies, has turned into the most sophisticated, not to mention the

easiest, way to go shopping. Until recently, catalogues the size of breeze blocks would thud on to the doormat. You know, the ones with endless pages of lawnmowers, DIY tools and garden sheds sandwiched in between the "luxury" items: gold-plated trinkets, leather three-piece suites and those unforgettable mantelpiece "must-haves" - porcelain ladies carrying parasols.

Models posed with cheesy smiles: the men, one hand placed strategically on the hip, looked stiff-as-boards in dodgy shiny blazers and Sta-prest trousers; the women, equally artificial in their make-up masks, posed in foot-long thermal knickers. The old-hat catalogue had about as much visual panache as a copy of Meatpacker's Journal.

Mail order was for the bluecollar class, who bought expensive goods on "buy now, pay later" terms and were fleeced into the bargain by absurdly high interest rates.

It's all changed now. Ever since George Davies launched the Next Directory 10 years ago street has entered the mail a slim, stylish coffee-table book instead of one with the entice the time-pressurised size and aesthetic appeal of a telephone directory - mail order has gradually moved upmarket.

mail order's new-found sophistication when The Cross, a shop based in west London's affluent Notting Hill and regularly profiled in Vogue, starts producing a catalogue.

"It's for all those people who can't reach us in London, and market. Market research comfor everyone whose worst nightmare is thrashing around shops every Saturday," says Sara Conroy, mail order director of The Cross. It's a natty for nearly 60 per cent of all booklet, reminiscent of a glossy magazine supplement, which specialises in exclusive products: lounging-around clothes shop. "Nearly 40 per cent of us by hip label Dosa (orchid flipflops, £25. silk sari bags £45), sweet childrenswear by Little Badger, and lots of home knickknacks that look more than worthy of the pages of Elle Decoration.

Small businesses that offer eclectic, unusual bits and bobs, and not the sort of blanket uniformity that sometimes seems to wash over the high street. may only have one retail outlet in London, which is pretty hopeless if you live in, say, Glasgow or Birmingham. Mail order completely changes

that accessibility.

Take APC, the hip, urban clothing company based in France, which started mail want to do is shop in people-polorder in direct response to those who couldn't reach its 15 stores worldwide. APC is well worth a look. Not only are its jeans second- to-none, and a out? Pick up the phone. You snip at £48, but its stringent might be in for a big surprise.

range - the perfect shirt dress, cropped trousers, Cuban shirts, shorts, bikini, beach bags and the like - are presented in a nofuss, modern booklet. APC's designer, Sylvie Besse, is into anything that can't be bought en masse, hence the rigorous editing of her collections, even down to the music selection. 'T wanted to distribute CDs along with the clothes because huge stores are so frustrating with their endless items," she says.

It's the small, independent store philosophy - that of individual, quality goods matched with a personal service - which has steadily leaked into the mail order market, transforming it beyond recognition.

Toast, a company based in Carmarthenshire, may not have a store, but dive into its catalogue - yet another slick booklet full of desirables - and you automatically get the impression that the modern, easy pyjama shapes in muslin, cotton and silk have been designed with the individual in mind. So utterly simple that it's up to you to dress them up or down. It's also up to you whether you buy into the Toast lifestyle - heavy, crisp bed linen, Syrian tea glasses, large "bricks" of soap and even Seville orange marmalade can also wing their way to you within seven working days, courtesy of the Royal Mail.

It's not only small, quirky companies whose catalogues are a visible treat. (Another tip is Space NK, the anothecary mail order catalogue with cosmetic delicacies from Kiehl's, Philosophy and Nars.) Even the traditional big "books" are mov-ing with the times. Littlewoods catalogue, now in a more palatable bite-size format, includes designer collections by John Richmond and Ally Capellino. The Book, slickest of the big hitters, showcases ranges by the ever-popular Joseph, Whistles, Betty Jackson, Jasper Conran and Ben de Lisi, and shoes by Robert Clergerie and Patrick Cox.

Meanwhile, most of the high order market as another way to consumer. Newest player on the block is French Connection Buy Mail, set up last year, whose tag line "Too Busy To Indeed, it says a lot about FCUK" neatly encapsulates the changing social (indeed, lack of it) trend.

The traditional profile of the mail order customer - the lowest socio-economic group - no longer exists. Today, all of us are targeted by the home shopping pany Mintel estimates the total home-shopping market to be worth almost £8bn in 1997. Clothing and footwear accounts mail orders.

Quite simply, we have less time to do anything, let alone work at the weekend at home, mostly on computers," Cooper says. "During the week, the average family is going to work earlier and leaving later. People are

burned out when home; the

luted environments, which is why more consumers are shopping from home." So are you feeling burnt



(71N27, pg 3), £75, by French Connection Buy Mail 0870 606 3285; selection (PA827080, pg 204), £12, from The **Rook: white Ramses** sandals, £39.95, by Birkenstock, enquiries 0800-132 194

Photographer; Anna Stylist; Holly Wood Make-up; Firyal Mooney using Christian Dior Hair; James Mooney at Windel using Philosophy Model; Myriam Little

at Bookings



Red crochet vest (YJ0647, pg 21), £27, from Littlewoods, (enquiries 0345-888 222); denim jacket (J15020, pg 26), £75, by APC (00331-49 87 04 04); green hat (M84010X23, pg. 121), £9.99, by Next Directory, (0845-600 700)



orange jumper (V34144F, pg 10), £65, denim shorts (R18027F, pg 15), £35, both by A.P.C.,; check bag (0045, pg 29), £14, from The Cross Catalogue, enquiries 0171-221 8616 (catalogue costs £2.50)



Fuchsia crochet dress (NO576380, pg 33), £90, by Karen Millen, from The Book, enquiries 0800 3288 488; silver compact (0036/0149, pg 25), £26, by Stila, from Space NK, enquiries 0870-169 9999

### MAN ORDER ASHINGMS OF THE BEST

APC - 00 331 49 87 04 04. Francebased APC offers a sharp collection of hip urban basics, such as a pale blue shirt dress, £67, and Cuban shirt, £30. Don't forget to check out the edectic CD discography, the Tunisian extravirgin office oil or the camouflage tape great for wrapping presents. The Cross - 0171-221 8616. Buy into the ultimate Notting Hill lifestyle courtesy of The Cross, whose new catalogue puts Elle Decoration to shame. Long-sleeve linen rib tops, £95, by Dosa; denim espadrilles, £22. Great for presents. Like Interflora, The Cross

will send your personal messag The Book - 0800 3288 488. Slick catalogue showcasing ranges from favourite British designers - Joseph, Whistles, Betty Jackson, Jasper Conran and Ben de List. Also shoes by Robert Clergerie, DKNY and Patrick Cox. Space NK - 0870 169 9999. Yummy pors and potions from the entrepreneurial Nicki Kinnairo, whose new age apothecary shops turned beauty retailing on its head in the early 1990s. Goodies from Kiehi's, Philosophy, Nars, Bumble & Bumble and Stila.

French Connection Buy Mail - 0870 606 3285. Set up last year owing to increased demand from French Connection's customers, the Buy Mail catalogue is slick and easy to follow with some great good buys. From a grey linen tailored sult, £140, to simple jersey clamdiggers, £45 and embroidered cardigans, £80. Birkenstock - 0800 132 194. Purveyor of the hippest summer sandals. Birkenstock is the number one in comfort and price, from £32,95. Littlewoods - 0345 888 222. Now in a more palatable bire-size format.

Littlewoods includes designer ranges by John Richmond and Ally Capellino. cashmere specialist has just launched a baby range, Baby Direct. Packages start at £24 for a pure Scottish wool baby blanket to a luxury package at £149 which includes blanket, cashmen bootees, mittens and cardigan. Racing Green - 0990 788 898. Great basics, including the ever-popular Simone trouser, £49, said to fit and flatter any shape. Ghost - www.ghost.ltd.uk - Available

on the Internet. Ghost's classic styles -

excellent alternative to slogging around in search of your favourite designers. such as Joseph and super-chic French designer Eric Bergere. Toast - 01558 65 88 00. The fashion editor's favourite, Toast's mini booklet is full of desirables. Gothes are easy pyjama shapes; cotton summer

straight-leg trousers, slim shirts, slip thresses and T-shirts – are produced

every season. Available in black or

white in machine-washable viscose

camisole; long bias-cut dress, £110. La Redoute - 0500 777 777. An

crepe. Prices start at £70 for a

nightshirts £39, linen shift dresses £45 and cotton apron trousers £32 - they look luxurious but you wouldn't know it from the prices. Check out the soap bricks, bed linen and Syrian tea-glasses.

Johanny Loves Rosie - 0171-375 3574

Famed for their originality on the accessory front. Unusual floral or printed flip-flops £12:95, sheer shopper bags in cute colours from £14.95, along with a massive range of floral and diamante hair-clips and pretty dragonfly slides, £8.95 a pair. For a bohemian look - printed or plain headscarves, £14.95, and glamorous

chokers embroidered with sequins and coloured beads, £35. Kingshill - 01494 890 555. From carwaik to catalogue: Joseph, Jean Mulr, Paul Costelloe and Amanda Wakeley are just a few of the British-based designers showcased in Kingshill, the up-market hardback fashion book. TM Lewin - 0171-515 3360. The renowned Jermyn Street shirtmaker is the best place to stock up on crisp. summer shirts. Available plain or in gingham checks - all the colours of the

rainbow, from £49-£60.

# Prophet of the absurd

A pig who goes to the moon. A soldier who tells the future through his buttocks. Victor Pelevin's satirical novels of post-Soviet Russia are bestsellers - and have made him the reluctant heir apparent to Gogol. By Jasper Rees

ictor Pelevin is the future of the Russian novel. His satires take the temperature post-Soviet amoral. dystopian chaos. The Clay Machine-Gun, just translated into English, has sold more than 200,000 copies on its native territory. Generation P. recently published, has shifted 70,000 in less than a month, and sits proudly at the top of the bestseller list. In a reading culture where the stock-market rating of literary fiction has never been lower. he is a phenomenal blip.

In Russia, this sort of pre-eminence brings with it a practically official position, like the patriarch of the orthodox church. Pelevin ought to be apprenticed to the prophet Solzhenitsyn, making ready to take over as the conscience of the motherland, in the footsteps of Yevtuschenko, Gorky and Tolstoy. He should also be a household face. But here he is, freshly landed in London, doing what he never does on home turf. He's giving an interview, and having his picture taken.

In The Clay Machine-Gun. Pelevin takes a hilarious swipe at the cult of literary celebrity. We're in the middle of nowhere in the civil war of 1919. One night, a ramshackle branch of communist irregulars are entertained by a soldier who can tell the future by talking through the cheeks of his posterior. Pyotr. Pelevin's narrator, sees in his gift a grim prophecy for the future of the arts, "Poems will only be considered interesting if it is known on the basis of sound documentary evidence that their author has two pricks, or at the very least, that he is capable of reciting them through his arse."

The novel commutes between

1219, with Russia in revolutionary turmoñ, and 1991, with Russia in counter-revolutionary turmoil. Its only way to be photographed withcautionary structure invites the reader to be aware that "a culture" constantly reproduces the same forms". Thus Prote's fears for literature at the birth of Communism remain just as current after the death of Communism. "Poetry ceased to exist," says Pelevin of the coming of the free market. "Then only pulp started to sell. First it was Western pulp, and then Russians started to produce their own pull which is much worse, actually." With writers now having to flog themselves in bookshops and on television. Pelevin's choice has been to withdraw entirely from domestic promotional chores and abstain from the babel of public discourse.

"For me it's just more convenient. For some reason it's believed that writers are interesting as persons. I don't think that I'm an interesting person. When you are asked what you think about this and that, in 90 per cent of cases you don't think anvthing about it at all." He has even fallen into the habit of visiting a monastery in Korea for weeks at a time to empty his mind of that final 10 per cent. I ask him when, with his atheist upbringing, he discovered Buddhism. "Oh. I think a couple of

lives ago." Hence the sunglasses. "I am



'If there is a great Russian literary tradition, it is a constant denial of everything that was done before'

naturally shy. I hate physical at- In Generation P, all politicians are alised once and for ever that only computer-generated images. "like tention. It's torture. I am wearing Max Headroom, but on very these sunglasses because it's the sophisticated machines". Pelevin's engagement with the out being photographed. It makes

apparatus and imagery of low-brow him look like a character from A Life culture has infuriated the critical of Insects, his novel set in a Black Sea holiday camp in which a ragbag pharisees who zealously protect the Russian literary tradition. "This of low-lifers - tarts, tramps, pushis bullshit about the great Russian ers - mutate back and forth into vatradition, because if there is any Russian literary tradition it is a con-Pelevin is at a loss to explain his popularity. I just write books that stant denial of everything that was I would like to read myself. Readdone before, and that's how it develops," Having said that, with his ing and writing is actually the same the first reader. Perhaps my taste there's no mistaking Pelevin's place just coincided with the taste of the in the absurdist pantheon alongside Gogol and Bulgakov ("a genius") majority:" But it's clear that his fin-

In Omon Ra. his first novel to gain international attention, Pelevin dissected the Party's lunatic fringe in a story about a hog whose ambition is to travel to outer space. "I re-

weightlessness could give man genuine freedom," says the hog, and pretty soon he's drafted by the Soviet space programme to man an "unmanned" one-way mission to the dark side of the moon. It's a marvellous fable about the lies disseminated in the name of ideology, and the involuntary heroes that ideologues thrust upon innocents.

As the son of a military officer. Pelevin grew up among defenders of the faith, although he says "no one believed in the ideology". His father. died this February was a colonel in air defence, and Pelevin spent the summers of his childhood on a Moscow army base. "I really loved the place actually. It was like a big playground full of soldiers." Though you could mistake him for a squaddie, with his cropped hair and combat trousers, he didn't love

army life so much that he wanted to join up himself. To avoid military service, he enlisted at the age of 15 at the Moscow Institute of Power Engineering, and with the resultant qualifications found himself working on a project to protect Mig lighters from tropical insects. We spent two or three months in so-called military camps playing cards and smoking dope. Sometimes they took you to an airfield where you would relax by lying on the wing of some fighter. I guess I killed a comie of insects one

summer lying on the wing." He took up writing in twenties - he is now 36 - because "I didn't want to go to work every morning. Literature is the kind of art where you're left absolutely on your own. If you grew up in a communist society it's normal that you get so many psychic traumas that it makes it hard for you to communicate

there's no overlooking its relevance to the latest imbroglio in Yugoslavia, although Pelevin wouldn't dream of saying this back home. "The Serbs talk about this great Slavic brotherhood every time they are in trouble. In 1914 Russia got involved in war because of some killing in Sarajevo. After that Russia had a revolution and 70 years of communism. It was the direct result. I hope that the people in Russia are not total idiots. I hope that they remember some lessons. There's something really terrible about war in Europe it sounds strange. But war has its own engine. You never know what

with other people. You have a lot of

complexes. You are crippled by the

time you are grown up. Writing

helps you to cure yourself. It's like

those long-distance runners who

can't stop running because their

podies start to produce a drug. At

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other people.

The Clay Machine-Gun', Faber and Faber and Harbord, £9.99. Victor Pelevin is appearing at the Brighton Festival on Saturday at 8pm in Pavilion Theatre, New Road

will happen next." Spoken like a true

Russian prophet.

**OPERA** PAUL BUNYAN SADLER'S WELLS LONDON

MUSICALLY A miracle, dramatically a dog. "I knew nothing about opera or what is required of a librettist. In consequence, some very lovely music of Britten's went down the drain and I must now make apologies to my old friend, while wishing him a happy birthday."

Auden's words in a 50th birthday tribute to Benjamin Britten in 1963 recalled their collaboration on Paul Bunyon, Britten's first full-length opera some 20 years before. Britten, Pears, Auden and Isherwood were all living in the US, escaping Europe in the Thirties.

Paul Bunyan had an uncertain start: a suggested commission for a school operetta, aspiring to a Broadway production, finally being staged by Columbia University with chorus from the New York Schola Cantorum. This was in May 1941.

Criticism was biting: "Mr Britten had prepared us for the plausibility and adroitness of his composing by symphonic works which have met with a measure of success in concert halls on both sides of the Atlantic," read the review in The New York Times.

"He is a very clever young man, who can provide something [in] any style desired by the patron. He scores with expertness and fluency. He has a melodic vein which is plausible, though one without physiognomy. He shows what could be done by a composer whose purpose was deeper set and more consistent than Mr Britten's appears to be. For this reason the respects in which he was lacking were disappointing, at times irritating."

But much of this is not incorrect. Mr Britten was indeed clever, and his ability to swing between styles - hillbilly, blues, barber-shop, Puccini and his own authentic voice - astonishing. But a text so bereft of dramatic build fatally undermined the musical power of one number after the other. The work is not musically flawed; Bunyon provides a proving ground for the opera that was to make his name four years later – Peter Grimes.

Recuperating from illness in 1973, Britten turned again to *Bunyon*, making revisions. A radio performance led in 1976 to a staging at the Aldeburgh Festival It is this version that the royal Opera so triumphantly presented two years ago and which is now in revival at Sadler's Wells. The cast is virtually the same. New to this production is Kurt Streit as "John Inkslinger" and Timothy Robinson as "Hot Biscuit Slim," both of them outstanding.

But Bunyan is an ensemble piece, as dependent on its chorus as on the few main roles. Even if they were more like Russian peasants than American loggers, their singing was magnificent. Richard Hickox conducting might have allowed more swing and guitar to the three ballads of the narrator, Peter Coleman-Wright, but a worthy night out.

ANNETTE MORREAU

### THE OPENING CHAPTER OF 'THE CLAY MACHINE-GUN'

TVERSKOI BOULEVARD was exactly as it had been when I last saw it. two years before. Once again it was February, with snowdrifts everywhere and that peculiar gloom which somehow manages to infiltrate the very daylight. The same old women were perched motionless on the

rieties of insect.

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of speech (Pelevin has an unfash-

ionable admiration for Gorbachev).

benches; above them, beyond the black latticework of the branches, there was the same grey sky, like an old, worn mattress drooping down towards the earth under the weight of a

sleeping god. Some things, however, were different. This winter, the

avenues were scoured by a blizzard straight off the steppes. and I should not have been in the least surprised to have come face to face with a pair of wolves during the course of my walk. The bronze Pushkin seemed a little sadder than usual - no doubt because his breast was

covered with a red apron bearing the inscription "Long Live The First Anniversary Of The Revolution". I felt not the slightest inclination for ironical comment on the fact that the tears were intended for an event which could not by definition last longer than a single day...

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## No pause, no claws

HAROLD PINTER'S 1958 début The Birthday Party is high up in the National Theatre survey of the century's great plays. Anyone coming cold to its latest revival, however, would be hard put to see why.

Two mysterious visitors, Goldberg and McCann, turn up at Meg and Petey's boarding house with malice aforethought, and terrorise Stanley. the paying guest. Yet, instead of pursuing a thriller format with everything neatly explained. Pinter leaves us in the dark as to the reasons for the malevolence and instead builds terrifyingly tense drama from the speech patterns and behaviour of his characters, tying a noose around the victim's neck. and that of the audience.

At least, that's the theory. But it's extremely difficult to pull off, and these actors have been cast adrift. Barry Jackson is a nicely benign Petey, but Prunella Scales plays Meg from a distance. She seems to have wandered in from Orton's Entertaining Mr Sloane, doing "comedy acting" with an accent

borrowed from Irene Handi. Steven Pacey as Stanley also stymies himself by using a nasal style that puts both us and him at one remove from his is the casting. He looks strong effect is chilling. The silent yesterday's newspaper

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The Birthday Party': disappointing revival Geraint Lewis

enough to knock his interrogators flat, which unbalances the crucial power play. Timothy West and a fiercely Irish Nigel Terry play Goldberg and McCann as a bizarre

double act, but unless their banter is underpinned by a real sense of threat, the tension appear merely baffling. At the opening of the second act, Mc-Cann sits methodically tearing

scene may be abstract, but the feeling should engulf you like dry ice: something very, very nasty is going on. Here alas, the moment goes for nothing.

It's as if the director, Joe Harmston, has decided to banish the famous "pauses" Overly reverent, underpowered productions can make Pinter seem horribly portentous, but his pauses are there for solid, dramatic reasons. We should be glued to the dialogue's power of suggestion in the poetically constructed rhythms, but with Harmston's fleet-but-flat approach this three-act play whistles along without an interval in 100 minutes. The surface text is played so literally, so fast, that the actors race through the interrogation scenes as if doing a

memory-testing speed-run. Consequently, the all-important subtext remains dormant and we remain fatally disengaged. Scales manages a nice line in comic non-sequiturs but the humour should leaven the play's potentially thrilling undercurrents, which are never builds. Here their actions rarely disturbed by Harmston's less than commanding grip. DAVID BENEDICT

a page of newspaper into strips. A version of this review character. Part of the problem In a strong production, the appeared in later editions of

## In your own time, Mr Pogorelich

IVO POGORELICH has always been a controversial pianist but, to judge from his latest CD of Chopin's four Scherzos and the benefit recital he gave in aid of the historic sites of Vukovar, his eccentricity follows a certain pattern. His all-Chopin programme on Monday looked. on paper, your average two hours, without encores. It last-

ed at least 20 minutes longer. One of Pogorelich's several gifts is a wonderfully focused sound. Launching the C minor Polonaise - if launching is the right word for the leisurely, wayward tempo he adopted his left hand octaves sounded huge, as if he were pushing open the great bronze gates of a structure too immense to size up. Never mind that Chopin's score suggests something initially more understated - yet with more impetus, this was a strong, strange alterna-

tive view. The F sharp minor Polonaise, Op 44, began more conventionally, proud and pompous, though with the left hand overbalancing the right. until in the delicate contrasting section, Pogorelich's relish for the most refined and delicate sonorities threatened to bring progress to a halt. The piece

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seemed to drag on for ever. What might he do with the Funeral March Sonata? The opening motto was, again, enormously enlarged, though Pogorelich didn't include it in the repeat. The second subject was slowed down a lot, too, and rather heavy-handed, while the central development was distorted by having some bars virtually doubled in length, No wonder the whole movement seemed disjointed. The Scherzo - a real killer - went well though again Pogorelich's left hand was too loud for his right. In the Trio section he made some ravishing sounds, while lingering on certain notes in a rather mysterious way.

And he took the Funeral March itself at a sensible tempo, though it got a bit slower as it wore on, and the central tune settled down at a slower pace that, unfortunately, suggested a rather boring walk. The celebrated fourth

movement was a mysterious blur - most people would probably agree that it is a mysterious movement - without any accents added (which planists often apply) but continuous rumble from the right pedal.

After the interval, in the three Op 59 Mazurkas, Pogorelich took every opportunity to show off his beautifully varied touch and feeling for independent strands within textures. But it was very hard to follow a line through these pieces, or even make sense of their rhythms. The effect was dis-

tinctly quizzical. By now the pattern of Pogorelich's pendulum-like nature was clear And so it was in the Third Sonata, with the more. relaxed passages of the openmg movement bell-like and lingering, the middle section of the Scherzo so stretched out one sometimes wondered when the next note was coming, and the third movement excruciating ly slow. And yet the main part of the Scherzo was deliciously fluent and light and, in the finale, Pogorelich at last found the sense of continuity and . purpose which had cluded him for most of the evening.

ADRIAN JACK

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# There's no place like home

David Greig isn't just a 'Scottish' writer: his plays are produced across Europe. What does being a Scot mean to him? By Paul Taylor

ean Connery has touched down north of the Border and so have I. Global screen superstar, Scotland's biggest export next to whisky, and her most prominent tax exile, ranged on one side of the case: a humble English theatre critic on the other. Surely no connection. Ah, but wait a moment. Connery is here - using up a lew of the precious days allowed him per year by the Inland Revenue - to deliver what turns out to be an emotional, self-scripted election rally speech in support of the Scottish National Party. I. meanwhile, am here to talk about the cultural Zeitgeist with David Greig, the playwright who is, by general consent, the most gifted and prolific of the vibrant new wave of Scottish dramatists that includes David Knives in Hens Harrower and Stephen Passing Places Greenhorn.

Now it just so happens that Connery was the comically dominating offstage presence in Greig's Cale-donia Dreaming, a 1997 play that put pre-devolutionary Scotland on the psychiatrist's couch by following a collection of characters as they chased around the place on a summer night when Connery is ru-Edinburgh's top hotel. Cut to April 1999, and an amused Greig admits that Connery could no longer function in that play as a unifying, fantasy-figured icon of Scottish success.

The local press have turned hostile towards him (sniping at such anomalies as a great Patriot accepting an officer to promote Suntory Crest, a Japanese blended whisky), and the Kosovo crisis could not have come at a worse time, electorally speaking, for a Nationalist party. So who would he replace him with, if the play were given a revival? Greig thinks for a moment and replies, with typically playful humour, "Irvine Welsh".

Chatting to this softly-spoken young playwright, in the lounge bar of an anonymous hotel in a Glasgow railway complex, is a bit like conducting an interview with Samuel Beckett in a row of dustbins. Transit areas, borders, stop-off points that are neither one place nor the other, and cultural no-mans-lands, are Greig's principal imaginative terrain. This is the case in a text-based play like Europe (1994), which projects his preoccupation with Scottishness on to a redundant railway station in a decaying, unnamed central European town that has, historically, suffered all the indignities and identity crises of being a mere border between rival powers.

It's also true of the pieces he makes using the collaborative working methods of his own company, Suspect Culture, where text tends to be the last element added to an experience that lays as much emphasis on the eloquence of stylised gesture and musical form. Airport for example, was a droll and touching search for the "Real Scotland or the real anywhere" in the vast, limbo-like port and employed a mixed nation-

ality cast. Cultural cusps are to Greig what thistles were to Hugh MacDiarmid, so, at this watershed in Scotland's identity, he's just the right man to quiz about how his generation of Scottish dramatists relate to their country's dramatic heritage, respond to the present and view their future.

One of the seven new pieces by

Greig that will be premiered in 1999 is the haunting and snappily titled The Cosmonaut's last message to the woman he once loved in the former Soviet Union, which is just about to open in a Paines Plough touring production directed by Vicky Featherstone. Taking place both in outer space and in various European locations, it contains a scene in which a woman fantasises about retreating to the Isle of Skye and learning Gaelic: "The children can go to school on the Internet," she remarks, blissfully unaware of any contradiction. The opposing forces (nationalism and globalisation) exemplified in her desires are reflected too, in Greig's response when I ask him which flag flies over his creative sub-conscious. He remarks that nationalism is both "irrational and very important". That's the paradox. "The more technology makes your nationality a meaningless thing, the more likely you are moured to be in residence at to cling to it. I effectively have more in common with a New York playwright on a similar income who watched the same television programmes in the 1970s, than I do with a fisherman in Sutherland." But, as globalisation goes into overdrive, "a simple gathering in a room is something people will increasingly want".

Which is where theatre comes into its own. But is this tantamount to suggesting that theatre and nationalism are parallel phenomena: both declared out-moded, yet being rediscovered as at once precious and dangerous? The latest vintage of Scottish playwright is distinguished by its looking to Europe both for audiences and for aesthetic influences. So would it not be slightly rum for such dramatists to lay any great stress on that parallel?

Philip Howard, the highly astute and, ironically, wholly English artistic director of Edinburgh's Traverse a theatre where, during his tenure the proportion of the repertoire devoted to Scottish playwrights has gone up from 30 to 90 per cent - remarks that a traditional source of vigour in the country's theatre and of differentiation from its English counterpart is that the dominant idiom has been working-class. Greig, of whose work Howard is

a key interpreter, is aware that his plays are regarded in certain quarters as the symptom of a creeping middle-class tendency and lack of that customary red-bloodedness. Certainly, it is hard to imagine Chris Hannan, a fine playwright from the preceding generation, composing a piece about a bunch of twentysomething urban Scots that involved a score for onstage string quartet which often deliberately drowned the dialogue, a Cubist arrangement of bodies, and lots of transit lounge that is the modern air-ritualised miming - as was the case with Timeless. But Greig good-hu-



Space oddity: Andy Smart in 'The Cosmonaut's last message to the woman he once loved in the former Soviet Union'

mouredly straddles the contradic- in which theatre remains nationaltions and ironies of being both "the ist is in its funding. Understandably, most important playwright to have emerged north of the border in years" (The Scotsman) and an unrepentantly arty internationalist.

One of these ironies relates to England. At a recent conference in Copenhagen about the creation of playwrighting cultures. I heard Greig's gifted friend and fellow Glasgow-based dramatist Stephen Greenhorn vehemently deny that he was a British writer and effectively say that, in terms of his priorities. London could go fuck itself. Greig is more in two minds ("I don't think of London as the capital of Great Britain but as the capital of theatre") and points out that one of the ways

he continues, neither the Scottish Arts Council nor the London Arts Board are prepared to finance the export of subsidised work to the English metropolis. This means that Europe has been seen in Europe but not in London, with the added irony that Europeans tend to take the title literally. "If I had my time again, I would call the play Scotland. That border town could just as easily be Motherwell." The catch 22 is that a playwright's native stock north of the Border rises considerably after

appearances south of that line. A source of money that by-passes these problems is the Edinburgh Festival, which has, for this year,

commissioned Greig and Lluisa Cu-enough wealth to avoid the 1707 Act polity of Catalonia - to compose pieces about emergent nations. Greig's response to the brief is highly revealing of his playfulness and capacity for lateral thinking. At the centre of The Speculator is John Law, the 18th-century Scot who invented paper currency and the no-500 days in 1719, thanks to a financial scheme that eventually colabsolutely than any absolute cating humour is partly sincere; monarch, and the play floats the con-Edinburgh hadn't earlier drummed the father of paper inflation out of the country, it could have amassed

nille - a writer from the analogous of Union. But The Speculator is not patriotic historical pageant; from Greig's description, it sounds more like an, anachronism-flecked, postmodern meditation of the unbearable lightness of money.

As for the twinning with Catalonia, he thinks it works very much to Scotland's benefit. "I don't imagine tion of money as pure function. For there are hundreds of Catalonians milling around, saying how like Glasgow Barcelona is," he quips. I lapsed, Law ruled France more have no doubt that this self-deprebut it also, to my ear, sounds like an tention that if the staid burghers of instance of the more relaxed cultural confidence that has generated this remarkable flowering of new Scot-

### WHAT THE **MOVERS AND** SHAKERS SAY



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Wild Cat Theatre Group "There are many reasons to feel optimistic about devolution. It seems that devolution has come from a sense of cultural identity rather than political need. The driving force behind the change has been that Scotland has cultural differences and a sense of cultural traditions that needs to be strengthened.



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### ON THE FRINGE

ESCAPE FROM PTERODACTYL ISLAND THE PLEASANCE E GATE 45 YOUNG VIC STUDIO THE YIDDISH QUEEN LEAR SOUTHWARK PLAYHOUSE

NATO HAS not vet incorporated the exploding coconut into its armoury, but in Escape from Pterodactyl Island this device proves effective against both barbarian and dinosaurs. Hardly surprising in a luminously absurd production that mixes eugenics, an eardrum-bursting score, a Nietzschean professor called Dr Devo, tongue-incheek choreography, Victorian prudery and fetishistic Lycra costumes

Paul Thornley, as young Professor Worthington, is comically convincing as an English gentleman of the Wodehouse school, intent on carrying out DIY imperialism on the natives. The essence of his performance lies in a revved-up plummy accent and innocently raised eyebrows - both vital for escaping the Jurassic island where evil Dr Devo plans to create a reptilian super-race. Louisa Mc-Carthy brings a hilarious insouciance to her role as Eve. the babe in a fur bikini who wins the Prof's affections, while Sophie-Louise Dann's choreography equips all with Rocky Horror-inspired steps that are funny enough to get laughs when the script fails. Phillip George's production

iokes are just as mouldy. When a mutant pteredactoid resulting from a Darwinian experiment tries to seduce Worthington with the lyrics "Feel the urge/ Make the natural selection", you don't know whether to groan or die, but the balance is favourably tipped by Michael Jeffrey's score, which fills the audience with the kind of enthusiasm that crowd psychologists ought to investigate.

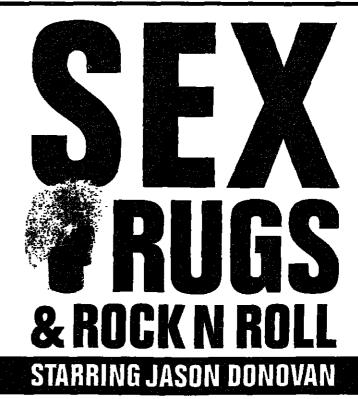
Alison Andrews' experimental Gate 45 also deals with escape, but this is a meditative piece in which two women muse on the experiences they could have if it were possible to evade the constraints of time. Alison Ashton's set design demands to be the star, featuring an airport luggage carousel that becomes a medium for exhibiting objects symbolising the memories, fantasies and journeys that the women create in their conversation.

Gate 45 comes across as an insipid exploration of material it doesn't quite know how to cope with. Like a partying social climber, it frantically drops names to feign a credibility it doesn't possess. From a

is more cheesy than an aged conversation with Freud, we bottle of milk - and some of the move on through a sequence of words and images embracing Hiroshima, Gandhi, Vietnam oh. and Mickey Mouse. Strip it of its pretensions, and you are left with the women's dull musings. If you ever got the chance to time-travel, you wouldn't make this one of your stops.

Nor indeed would you stop off at Julia Pascal's The Yiddish Queen Lear. Pascal's decision to link the 20th-century persecution of the Jews with King Lear could have been an exciting and potent device - both raise the emotive issues of land possession, inheritance and exile - but this badly structured production ultimately comes across as a weak postscript to Shakespeare's masterpiece. The play occasionally comes alive when the cast performs Yiddish music hall - but when the star of the show is the pianist, you know that something is seriously wrong. RACHEL HALLIBURTON

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rom the age of 16. I had wanted to work for Medecins Sans Frontieres. It was, and still is, an organisation that reflects the things I find important. MSF members always speak passionately, have guts and go to places others wouldn't, standing up for some of the most unlucky people on the planet. Whenever there is a big disaster there's always an MSF doctor at the scene.

I studied modern history, which was all about wars, disasters and population movement, so it wasn't a great leap to the field I am now working in.

After I graduated, I worked as an intern in Moscow for an organisation called Winrock, helping farmers through the transition from collective farming to private smallholdings. On my return, I wrote to 20 charities but got no positive replies, so I got a job with Marks & Spencer. Luckily I was saved from a lifetime of retail when MSF offered me a part-time voluntary job which I combined with two other jobs, until, six months later. I was given the fulltime paid job of PA.

Anne-Marie and I shared a desk for several years, which was invaluable because I learnt so much from watching her and listening to her - her gut feeling is usually right and her advice excellent. Like many of my colleagues, she's a polyglot which makes me sick with jealousy - I would like to say I correct her English from time to time, but instead it's usually her correcting mine. She's supportive of me and pushed me to take on respon-

sibilities and build my confidence. Initially, I was doing anything from setting up board meetings to rielding phone calls. Some calls are vital, others well-meaning if a little bizarre, such as the widow who rang because her husband had left his false leg to MSF in his will

more media enquines and when Anne-Marie askeri me what I most liked about my job at my annual review I told her it was the press work - so she made me press strongly that it is the responsibility assistant. I still work closely with her, of each individual to provide a degree for example when she was on Caestion Time and needed to be pre- well as drawing their plight to the pared. I spent an afternoon attention of the general public We researching topics such as genetic- also believe that to protect people on awful. Tim Boucher, our head of mis- wider world. ally modified foods and education. the ground means being there, sion, was very worried about the

sanisation, we need to work closely with colleagues around the world, most of whom I've never MSF were the two organisations that example, told him: "I'm 45 and I've prevent me becoming totally



Polly Markandya: 'Constantly questioning what humanitarian action is keeps us close to our principles'

met, but I really like the relationships we build.

The situation in Kosovo is dominating everything; however, there are 30 other countries that receive our help. We are concerned about the failure to find a political settlement to the war in Sudan, for example, since there's a likelihood of it leading to another famine.

It's my job to brief volunteers As time went on I began taking beforehand and explain what their responsibility is vis-a-vis protecting the rights of the patient. A quarter of the countries we work in are within areas of conflict, and we feel of protection for the patients as

The International Red Cross and

stayed longest in Pristina, which was partly due to the dedication of the people in the field. But as the bombing became more intensive and law and order began to break down - a precursor to the "ethnic cleansing"

lived my life and don't mind dying. but what about my six year old?" The calls from Sierra Leone were

particularly bad as colleagues found adults and children who had been deliberately mutilated as part of a - it became impossible to work terror campaign. One feels sickened amid anti-Western mob violence and hornfied but at the same time

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volunteers a lot, and the calls were

for some time after they have left. fearful the Albanians were.

As the British communicator in driven to work harder. The best England, I was on the phone to our motivating factor is when you are asked to spread the news to the

I love and believe in my work but Since we are an international usually before the TV cameras and local personnel. He reported how I make a real effort not to bring it home with me none of my friends One Kosovar member of staff, for works in the aid sector, which helps

obsessed. You need to keep the perspective fresh, otherwise there is a danger of your becoming itsensitive to the level of what is acceptable and what is not

No one working here clockwatches: everyone purs in the bours. because they know the necessity of it. It is a very friendly office, we all have lunch together and there's a spirit of task-sharing. We do have an administrator but his the job of everyone here to do their own typing and pick up the phone - we don't have voice mail. And when we had the office extended, everyone came in at the weekend to help out with the painting.

We are all listened to here. because each person has a different perspective, which ensures that there's a debate - and that's important because constantly questioning what humanitarian action is keeps us close to our principles.

> INTERVIEW BY KATTE SAMPSON

# Skinny, stupid and starving

SOMETIMES YOU have to take stock, and Doug's e-mail, which compared my bum to two bowling balls in a rucksack, brought about one of those moments. Straining to see over my own shoulder into the mirror, I realise that though the comment might have been unnecessarily cruel, he had a point. I know that most of the world has their excuses for being overweight, but it really is difficult to watch your diet as a temp, when you don't have access to a corporate gym and meals often consist of a packet of crisps and a bottle of chocolate milk snatched from the station newsagent because you've no idea where the local food outlets are.

But yes, over a long winter when, like most office workers, I didn't see daylight at all except at weekends (jogging on a rainy night dodging muggers, tramps and Combat 18 members somehow fails to appeal), my backside has expanded, though I'd say it looks more like two footballs in a saddlebag. So there's nothing for it: I have to go on the secretarial starvation diet. It's all very well every publication in the country publishing neat little lists of menus to help you shed that reluctant stone, but only someone whose life is based around the home, who has absolutely regular hours or is totally obsessive can track down beetroot and cottage cheese on a bed of lettuce in

the average high street. It's worse for men, of course. I worked at a big engineering company a while ago that had a canteen. Every time one of the male employees ordered salad and fruit for lunch, all the other bioses would gang up and start putting a rumour about that he was gay, which would have him back on the pie-and-chips diet in no time at all. So if you're gay and you're out, at least you can eat what you want without worrying about the repercussions. Which is probably why there are so many more good-looking gay

men than heterosexual. Then again, the pressure on men to be thin is infinitely less. I aet up 15 minutes early every morning now in order to wolf a bowl of fruit and fibre to get the old system moving and give me a fighting chance of surviving



until a lunch of cullings from the bag of bananas, grapefruit, pears, oranges, grapes, kiwis and apples that I bought in the supermarket on a speed-raid at the weekend. Sometimes in the evening I have beans on toast (no butter) for a treat. Those footballs are deflating nicely, but then, so is my brain power.

My typing is riddled with errors, I forget things if I don't

write notes to myself, I find my mind drifting away in the middle of dictation BECAUSE PM SO BLOODY HUNGRY And aside from the acidic explosions in my stomach, the consumptive weakness, the constant short fuse, I can't actually think about anything other than food. Juicy steaks, buttery spuds, wild mushroom risotto with a generous sprinkling of Parmesan, chunky KitKats dance across my vision. I cry myself to sleep as my body begs for bot chocolate and a couple of biscuits.

Someone suggests going out for a pizza and I have to be restrained from throttling them. And this period of starvation, as I watch other women squeak in feeble voices and order mineral water in bars, has made something very clear to me about the gender wars. This is it: men claim to like us whippet thin. Strange, though, that this taste for bones on a chick only kicked in around the time, in the 1920s, when we got the vote, started going to university, began, slowly, to creep into the workplace, isn't it? Maintaining the state of near-starvation required to look like Kate Moss when you've got the genetic heritage of Miriam Margolyes means that half the world's working women are only

functioning at half-cock. By allowing ourselves to be slaves to our insecurities, we stay skinny and stupid, and the boys get the promotions. Clever, eh? So clever, in fact, that it must have originally been thought up by a woman.

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## How to talk your way out of a job as a secretary...

Will a regional accent hinder your career progress? By Kate Hilpern

LAST YEAR, you may remember, Tony Blair was ridiculed for his attempt to dress down his accent to adapt to a particular audience. And William Hague receives constant ridicule for his Yorkshire burr, Indeed, an accent speaks volumes about background and education and – fairly or unfairly – suggests a lot more besides.

For secretarial staff, who are expected to reflect the image of the company for which they work, the implications of this are enormous - a fact that Jean Briscoe knows all too well. Five years ago, she claims, she was sacked from her telephone receptionist job because her boss didn't like her heavy Birmingham accent. Brummies, after all, are all too often regarded as unintelligent and working-class. Similarly, Louise Yates, the wife of the footballer Steve Yates, claims she was forced to quit three jobs because of constant ribbing of her West Country accent. Some colleagues called her a "yokel" while others even slowed down or spoke more loudly when talking to her. Research by the Institute of Personnel and Development - based on a survey of 30 recruitment consultants finds that BBC English still remains the accent that opens the most doors. One consultant, Rachel Asquith, explains: "The person answering the phone or greeting clients is often the first point of contact. Just as employers wouldn't employ someone to do that who doesn't

sound how they like. Unfortun-

with a strong regional or work-

ing-class accent don't get a

doesn't matter how you sound if you're PA to a manager, but being PA to the chief executive is a different matter. They think 'We've spent all this money on corporate logos and posh offices, so we're not going to ruin our image now.' It can make it almost impossible to get a fair

According to Paul Coggle. senior lecturer in modern lan-

"Employers may think it lent." But PR, publishing and much or the media, he says, are still favouring BBC English. Surprisingly, perhaps, foreign accents are popular. "Pro-

vided you can be understood clearly, you may even get preferential treatment if you're Continental," says Ashley Mitchell, a careers adviser. Italian and French women are often seen to portray an 'exotic' image as secretaries."

Kirsty Wark: her Scottish vowels work well for her

guages at the University of Kent, however, such attitudes are relaxing - if only in particular industries. After all, he says, accents do go in and out of fashion. Indeed, you'd be hard pushed to find many young people with the clipped upper-class accent of the Forties (think Brian Sewell). Instead, estuary English (think dress how they like most won't Jonathan Ross) is becoming consider someone who doesn't popular as Britain becomes less class-conscious. "This can ately, that often means people be seen particularly clearly within the medical establishment, law and banks," says look in." Even if they get the job, Coggle. "In the City, cockney is they may never be promoted. even becoming quite preva- years as a secretary with no

Nevertheless, she claims, regional accents can work in your favour. "For the past three or so years, Mancunian has been considered trendy, while the Scottish accent is considered honest". "Mind you, I'd say you've got the best chance of making your accent work for you if you work in the locality." One Edinburgh recruitment consultant remarks that upperclass BBC English in Scotland, "positively incites hostility". Katie Saunders, a PA for an advertising firm, agrees. "Twe got a strong Scouse accent and

I moved to London five years ago, I found my accent mattered. In one interview, I was told outright that I sounded too

'whiny'." The result? She went for elocution lessons. "I didn't want to lose my accent altogether... my friends and family would be horrified," she says. "But I decided to attempt to soften it a bit." It wasn't easy, however, taking almost a year of weekly, hour-long sessions to get the sound she was after. "But it worked a treat in the end."

However, she found that the way you speak is about much more than accent. "I realised I spoke too quickly and often didn't finish the end of my sentences," she explains, "That made me sound girly and chaotic, irrespective of my regional accent."

Shallow breathing is also a common problem, making women sound young and unprofessional, adds Madelaine Cannon, principal coach at Professional Voice in London. Others don't realise how dull they sound, speaking in a monotone, while an increasing number of women have fallen into a habit of lifting the voice at the end of a sentence. "This may give a relaxed, Australian feel... but it also seems to suggest it has no value," she says.

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The good news, according to Coggle, is that younger generations tend to be accent chameleons – rather like Tony Blair. That means they'll use BBC English, say, for an interview, while subconsciously downgrading or changing their tone when talking to friends. What this means for the future is that accents will become worked in Liverpool for 11 less pronounced and, consequently, less likely to be judged.

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# THE INFORMATION DAILY

CINEMA, THEATRE, EXHIBITIONS, MUSIC, DANCE, LITERATURE, COMEDY, EVENTS, TV & RADIO

### **NEW FILMS**

**BESIEGED** (PG, 92 mins) Director: Bernardo Bertolucci

Starring: Thandie Newton, David Thewlis In a startling volte-face from the epics of recent years. Bertolucci's new film, Besieged, confines itself principally to a cavernous Roman townhouse. It charts the festering master-servant relationship between Thewlis's highly strung concert pianist and Newton's refugee housemaid all torrid glances and stuttering moments of communication. At once small-scale and ripely melodramatic, this is a mixed bag, but with a beautifully understated finale. West End: Clapham Picture House, Curzon Mayfair. Repertory: The Pullman Everyman

THE BRYLCREEM BOYS (15, 106 mins)

Director: Terence Ryan Starring: Gabriel Byrne, Bill Campbell Neutral Ireland during WWIL Captured German and Allied soldiers are shoehorned into the same cells. Tensions erupt; stereotypes are paraded; uneasy allegiances forged. Ryan's film may have worked well on stage. Here, it looks flat and horribly schematic. West End: ABC Panton Street

DANCE WITH ME (PG, 126 mins)

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Director: Randa Haines Starring: Chayanne, Vanessa L Williams Building to a predictable finale at the World Dance Championships, the clanking Dance With Me has its Cuban emigre hero (Chayanne) alighting in the US of A to bunt for his long-lost pop (Kris Kristofferson), while still finding time to romance Vanessa L Williams's ballroom beauty. West End: Virgin Trocadero. And local cinemas

**SMM** (18, 123 mins)

**Director:** Joet Shumacher Starring: Nicolas Cage, Joaquin Phoenix

The dead hand of Hollywood politics is evident all over this would-be provocative trip through LA's porn hinterland. Nicolas Cage copes well as the private eye hired to validate what looks to be snuffmovie footage, but such scuzz requires careful handling, and Schumacher lets it take over. Frustratingly, 8mm winds up contaminated by that which it is nominally investigating. West End: Claphain

Picture House, Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Leicester Square, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Odeon West End, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea. And local cinemas

MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE (12, 132 mins)

Director: Lus Mandoki Starring: Kevin Costner, Robin Wright Penn

Kevin Costner's South Carolina boat-builder writes a love letter to his dead missus. Letter goes into bottle: bottle into sea. Lonesome lady (Robin Wright Penn) finds bottle. Complete the plot in less than 50 words. We all know where this one's headed, don't we? True lurve, pain of the past, a dash of redemption, and that's it, you're done. West End: ABC Tottenhum Court Road, Notting Hill Coronet, Odeon Haymarket, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Fulham Road, Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village West End. And local cinemas

THE MISADVENTURES OF MARGARET (15, 100 mins)

Director: Brian Skeet Starring: Parker Posey, Jeremy Northam

Parker Posey is Margaret, a kind of Penelope Pitstop of romantic fiction. She touches down in Paris, weds Jeremy Northam's dippy Englishman. and writes an effervescent book or two in New York. Brian Skeet's film follows a screwball rhythm, over-egging the farce, tossing in bodiceripping dramatisations and, crucially, leaving the characters under-drawn. The normally luminous Posey displays a series of self-conscious tics and twitches. West End: ABC Shaftesbury Avenue

SIDE STREETS (15, 131 mins) **Director**: Tony Gerber

Starring: Shashi Kapoor, Valeria Golmo A kind of Short Cuts without the cut, Side Streets rustles up a quintet of stories from New York. Cue lively vignettes and proficient playing from a multi-national cast. The whole tapestry of New York life is dry-cleaned, lightly embroidered and unrolled for your pleasure. West End: Plaza. Local: Edmonton Lee Valley UCI 12

### GENERAL RELEASE

AMERICAN HISTORY X (18, 119 mins) A liberal essay on right-wing fanaticism, American

History X nonetheless indulges in some dubious Nazi chic. What binds it together is a genuine tour-de-force from Oscar-nominated Edward Norton. West End. Odeon Comden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Warner West End. And local cinemas

ARLINGTON ROAD (15, 117 mins)

Mark Pellington's intriguingly staged paranoia thriller, sees Jeff Bridges' college prof becoming suspicious about the antics of his outwardly respectable neighbour (Tim Robbins). West End-Warner Village West End

AN AUTUMN TALE (U. 111 mins)

The final part of Eric Rohmer's Tales of the Four Seasons is airily elegiac and as warm as sunshine. Magali (Beatrice Romand) - middle-aged and single - gets ushered through all manner of hoops as her friends try to set her up with eligible men. West End: Curzon Minema, Renoir. Repertury: Watermans Arts Centre

BEDROOMS AND HALLWAYS (15, 96 mins) In this latest offering from the This Life school of British film-making, Kevin McKidd's giddy Londoner runs the romantic gauntlet in the runup to his 30th birthday. West End: ABC Piccadilly

BLAST FROM THE PAST (12, 111mins)

Hugh Wilson's workmanlike Cold War satire has Brendan Fraser's last American man (called Adam, natch) emerging from the nuclear bunker that his parents holed up in during the Cuban Missile Crisis. With Alicia Silverstone. West End: Warner Village West End

A CIVIL ACTION (15, 115 mins)

John Travolta's ambulance-chasing lawyer takes a shot at redemption in this complex and absorbing courtroom saga which nonetheless raises inevitable comparisons with Sidney Lumet's The Verdict, West End: Empire Leicester Square, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea. Virgin Trocadero. And local cinemas

THE FACULTY (15, 104 mins)

See The Independent Recommends, above. West End: Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch. Odeon Swiss Cottage, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea, Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village West End. And local cinemas

FESTEN (THE CELEBRATION) (15, 106 mins) Filmed using natural light, natural sound and a hand-held camera, Festen begins in a rush of pure, unfettered drama. The film's rawness is largely contrived, but by the end you're too booked to care. West End: ABC Panton St, Odeon Swiss Cottage. Repertory: Watermans Arts Centre

GODS AND MONSTERS (15, 105 mins) See The Independent Recommends, above. West End: ABC Tottenham Court Road, Barbican Screen, Metro. Rilzy Cinema. Virgin Fulham

Road. And local cinemas HAPPINESS (18, 134 mins)

Ritzy Cinema

See The Independent Recommends, above. West End: Clapham Picture House, Curzon Soho, Gate Notting Hill Odeon Camden Town, Renoir Ritzy Cinema, Screen on Baker Street, Screen on the Green, Screen on the Hill, Virgin Haymarket

HIGH ART (18, 102 mins) See The Independent Recommends, above. West End: Curzon Soho, Odeon Camden Town,

AN IDEAL HUSBAND (PG. 100 mins) Oliver Parker's film is a proficient but mechanical

overhaul of Oscar Wilde's satire of middle-class hypocrisies. The sharp dialogue is rather blurred by the snappy editing but bright playing from the cast (Rupert Everett, Cate Blanchett) helps paper over the cracks. West End: ABC Tottenham Court Road, Barbican Screen, Chelsea Cinema, Clapham Picture House, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage. Odeon West End, Ritzy Cinema, Screen on Baker Street, The Tricycle Cinema, UCI Whiteleys. Virgin Fulham Road. And local cinemas

**PAYBACK** (18, 110 mins)

Revisiting the same source novel that inspired John Boorman's Point Blank, this rumbling revenge thriller sends its anti-hero (Mel Gibson) on a mission to get his money and get even. West End: Odeon Marble Arch. Virgin Fulham Road, Virgin Trocadero. Warner Village West End. And local cinemas

PLUNKETT AND MACLEANE (15, 100 mins) Robert Cartyle, Jonny Lee Miller and Liv Tyler star in this 18th-century romp that offers noise and poppromo visuals rather than character development. West End: Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Mezzanine, Ritzy Cinema. And local cinemas

THE RED VIOLIN (15, 132 mins)

François Girard's daisy chain of historical vignettes follows the course of a cursed violin down the centuries. Unfortunately, Girard's bitty narrative leaves the film labouring in third gear throughout. West End: Odeon Mezzanine

RETURN TO PARADISE (15, 109 mins)

In Joseph Ruben's fact-based saga, two graduate travellers return to the scene of their crimes when a buddy is busted for drugs possession in Malaysia. A classic "what would you do if?" morality play, the film still bungles its ready made drama. West End: Virgin Fulham Road, Virgin Trocadero. Warner Village West End. And local cinemas

SHAKESPEARE IN LOVE (15, 123 mins) See The Independent Recommends, above. West End: Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Plaza, Ritzy Cinema. UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Fulham Road, Virgin Trocadero. And local cinemas

Even if slam-poetry's clanking rhymes make you want to "slam" the perpetrator's head in a cardoor, Marc Levin's drama still carries emotional force. West End: Ritzy Cinema

TEA WITH MUSSOLINI (PG. 117 mins) Franco Zeffirelli's Tea with Mussolini ambles around the houses telling its tale of dotty Brits (including Maggie Smith, Judi Dench) adrift in Mussolini-era Tuscany. West End: Empire Leicester Square, Odeon Kensington. Odeon Swiss Cottage, Plaza, UCI Whiteleys. And local cinemas

THE THIN RED LINE (15, 170 mins)

Terrence Malick's long-awaited return to the director's chair results in a fabulous, fever-struck war film. While a cast of familiar faces vie for attention, all play a determined second fiddle to the film's creeping narcotic mood. West End: Odeon Mezzanine. Virgin Haymarket

WAKING NED (PG, 91 mins)

A rattle-bag of comedic misadventure as two Irish scallywags scheme to get their paws on some lottery loot. West End: Odeon West End. And local cinemas

### THE INDEPENDENT RECOMMENDS

### THE FIVE BEST FILMS

Gods and Monsters (15)

A droll speculation on the last days of 1930s horror ameur James Whale (Ian McKellen), who is hypnotised by the alluring form of his Beverly Hills gardener (Brendan Fraser). Director Bill Condon won an Oscar for Best Adapted Screenplay.

Happiness (18) Set in New Jersey, Todd

Solondz's second film (right) is a dark comedy of loneliness and sexual deviancy that reaffirms this young writer-director's talent.

The Faculty (15)

Kevin Williamson does it again with this sci-fi tale of alien invaders. Beautiful people, a sharp script, subversive morals, Piper Laurie. Why can't all teen films be like this?

High Art (18)

A portrait of the artist as lesbian screw-up, Lisa Cholodenko's bitterly witty take on New York living (and dving) boasts one of the performances of the year from Ally Sheedy.

(Best Actress) head an impressive cast.

Shakespeare in Love (15) This enjoyable, Oscar-laden historical romp suggests how romance fired Shakespeare with the inspiration for Romeo and Juliet. Joseph Fiennes and Gwyneth Paltrow

ANTHONY QUINN AND CHARLOTTE O'SULLIVAN

### THE FIVE BEST PLAYS

Good (Donmar Warehouse, London) Starring Charles Dance, CP Taylor's play about accommodations with conscience is revived in a sensitive production by Michael Grandage. To 22 May

Making Noise Quietly (Whitehall Theatre, London)

Very welcome West End run for Deborah Bruce's lovely poetic revival of Robert Holman's sensitive triptych about the emotional effects of war. To 22 May

Mamma Mia! (Prince Edward Theatre, London) Designed to bring out the Dancing Queen in

the straightest soul, this silly, enjoyable compilation musical (right) finds flagrant plot excuses for 27 Abba golden oldies. Booking to 11 Sept

Volpone (Swan Theatre, Stratford)

Comedies don't come any funnier or more astringent than Ben Jonson's brilliant dissection of avaricious. over-reaching egotism. To 9 Oct

A Midsummer Night's Dream (Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford)

In Michael Boyd's beguiling staging, Josette Simon's Amazonian Titania is sex-on-very-long-legs and could devour Tma Turner for breakfast. To 9 Oct

PAUL TAYLOR

### THE FIVE BEST SHOWS

Jackson Politock (Tate Gallery)

Big, revelutory retrospective for the hero of Abstract Expressionism (going on Old Master). legendary for his great drip paintings (right), but



virtually unknown here for 40 years. To 6 Jun

Thinking Aloud (Camden Arts Centre) Sculptor Richard Wentworth curates this curious and cheering exploration of creativity in art and life: an assortment of rough drafts and try-outs. To 30 May

Andreas Gursky (Dean Gallery, Edinburgh) Photographs 1994-98: huge, high-finish, micro-detailed, digitally manipulated images of our world - stockexchange floor, cityscape, hotel foyer. Vistas of more than the eye can see. To 16 May

Antony Gormley's 'Field' (firstsite at Roman House, Colchester)

One of the great hits of the decade: a sea of 40,000 pintsized clay men - obedient, expectant, menacing, and stopping dead in a line at your feet. To 23 May

ESP (IKON Gallery, Birmingham) Contemporary artists investigate the paranormal in this weird group show, including Susan Hiller's frightening and wonderful video installation about the psychic powers of children. To 13 Jun

CINEMA

WEST END

ABC PANTON STREET (0870-902 0404) © Procedily Circus The Brytoreem Boys 1.15pm, 3.35pm, 550pm, 8.25pm Elizabeth 2.15pm, 5.15pm, 8.10pm Festers 1.15pm, 3.40pm, 6pm, 8.35pm The Opposite of Sex 1.25pm, 3.50pm, 6.10pm, 8.45pm

ABC PICCADILLY

(0177-437 3561) © Piccadily Circus Bedrooms and Hallways 1pm, 3pm, 5pm, 7pm, 8pm Out of the Present 1.15pm, 3.10pm, 5.05pm, 7.15pm, 9.05pm ABC SHAFTESBURY AVE (0870-902 0402) © Leicester Square Elizabeth 1.45pm, 5.30pm, 8.25pm The Misadventures of Margaret 1.10pm, 3.30pm, 6.10pm, 8.50pm

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BARBICAN SCREEN (0171-638 8891) © Moorgate/Barbica Gods and Monsters 6 15pm, 8 40pr An Ideal Husband 6 15pm, 8.40pm CHELSEA CINEMA

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PURLEY ABC (0870-902 0407) BR: Purley The Faculty 6pm, 8.20pm Shakespeare in Love 5.20pm, 8pm Waking Ned 5.35pm, 8.40pm **PUTNEY** 

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ROMFORD ABC (0870-902 0419) BR: Romford American History X 225pm, 5.30pm, 8.15pm The Faculty 230pm, 5.40pm, 8.25pm Message in a Bottle 2.10pm, 4.55pm, 8pm

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NEW PICTURE HOUSE (0181-565-3366)
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THE LUX CINEMA Horror Square III (0:7:-664 (20:) Rio at the Luce The Spanish Prisoner (PG) 7:15cm + a (Pi)

NATIONAL FILM THEATRE South Bank, SE: (0)11-922 2222 Little Vaice (15) 2 30pm Top Hat (U) 6 15pm Speedy: Harold Lloyd (NC) 6.30pm Untold Hollywood Stories: Museum Special Event (NC) 7 30pm New Directors: Harous Holywood Stories: Museum apparent (NC) 7-30pm New Directors: Short Cuts (NC) 2-30pm The Kid Brother: Harold Lloyd (U) 3-45pm

PHOENIX CINEMA High Road, N2 (0181-45m Short Film Programme 5 (NC) 45m Short Film Programme 6 (NC) 6.15pm Panel Discussion: The Industry (NC) 7 45pm A Simple Plan

PRINCE CHARLES Lenester Place WC2 (2771-4275)81: The Truman Show (PG) 12Cpm There's Something About Mary (15) 845pm Buffalo 56 (15) 630pm Very Bod Things (18) 930pm

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### COUNTRYVIDE

ABERYSTWYTH COMMODORE 11970-612421. Jack Frost FG Payback #15.

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Who's In It? Four New Yorkers - including lead vocalist and composer Grisha Coleman - and one Englishman (director Jonathan Stone) create a diverse musical soundscape combining elements of gospel. opera. hip-hop and doo-wop.

What They Say About It "As musicians, the group's technical | Evening Standard.

fluency leaves you gaping. As dancers, I confess there are some you want to watch more than others," Jenny Gilbert, The

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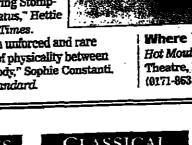
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Two's Country (1388129) 4-00 The Close Gude
(137795) 4-30 Australia's Strangest Home
Improvements (133319) 5-00 Grassroots
(3433799) 5-30 The Great House Game
(1357799) 6-00 Doorstep DIY (1347312) 6-30
Driving Passions (338664) 7-00 Total Fishing
with Math Hayes (649935) 7-30 Screaming
Ree's (334848) 8-00 The Diceman (642668)
8-20 Two's Country (8407790) 8-00 These Four
Walls (1218157) 9-30 These Four Walls
(555559) 10-00 The Old House with Steve and
Norm (7677206) 10-30 Thes Old House with
Sieve and Norm (768954) 11-00 Hooked on
Fishing (1290374) 11-30 The Joy of Painting
(5025577) 12-00 Close

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6.00 Gurma Bears (24/2206). 6,25 Classa:
Toons (16/88022). 730 Aladdin - the
Series (54/64208). 7,35 101 Dalmateurs
(3855639). 8,00 Goot Troop (238357). 8,25
Classic Toons (3355409). 8,45 The New
Adventures of Wirnie the Poch (57/8428). 9,00
The Adventures of Spot (225/96). 9,05 The
Animal Shelt (3480461). 9,35 Pockal Dragon
Adventures (3400225). 9,30 Bear in the Big Bue
riouse (97/839/6). 9,55 The Toolhorush Family
(17/65645). 10,00 Bite Size (3067/90). 10,10
Rosse and Jim (56/41312). 10,30 The Big Garage
(86/44/91). 10,45 PB and Jelly Other (83/92006). (8644973, 10.45 PB and Jelly Otter (839206), 11.00 Sesame Street (85003), 12.00 The Adventures of Spot (307374), 12.05 The Annual Shelf (2436732), 12.15 Bear in the Big

BBC1 WALES As BBC1 LONDON & SE except: 6.30 Wales Today (935), 9.30 Pany Election Broadcast by the Wales Labour Party (244409).

ANGLIA

PICK OF THE DAY

euphoria bubble expand any further, or is it about to burst? After England's recent victory new (and, he claims, temporary) England manager. Will his team England (6.30pm Sky Sports 2)? Or will they suffer through the chronic lack of fit strikers,

CAN THE Kevin Keegan exacerbated by long-term injury to the talismanic Michael Owen? Throughout his career - from Taxi Driver through to Cape over Poland in the European Fear - Robert DeNiro (right) Championship qualifier, many has portrayed men possessed seemed ready to canonise the with a frightening intensity. He revisits that territory in The Fan (10pm Sky Premier), as a continue to be so inspired in this demented baseball fan who will away fixture, Hungary vs go to any extreme to further the cause of his favourite player

(Wesley Snipes). JAMES RAMPTON

Blue House (7084770) 12.55 The Toothbrush Furthy (14589596) 1.00 Bits Size (3128138) 1.15 Rosie and Jim (31279383) 1.30 The Big Garage (62882751) 1.45 PB and Jelly Ontar (6288206) 2.00 The New Adventures of Virane the Pooh (6562) 2.30 Quock Pack (3374) 3.00 The Little Mermad (619) 3.30 Art Attack (518) 4.00 101 Dalmattans (7964) 4.30 Hercules the Senes (3138) 5.00 Rocess (6738867) 5.15 Pepper Ann (847719) 5.30 Smart Guy (7790) 6.00 Teen Angel (4003) 6.30 Boy Meets World (863) 7.00 Films Meal to the Chef (1998) (210335) 8.25 Honey, 1 Strunk the Kids (396867) 9.15 Dinosaurs (62195) 10.00 Homo Improvement (28490) 10.30 The Wonder Years (20139) 11.00 Touched by an Angel (336896) 11.50 Classic Toors (673003) 12.00 Close EUROSPORT

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1.30 Feetball Eurogoals (26664) 9.00 Feetball

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PGA Golf Tour (9041) 2.30 Marathen (3480)

3.30 Dwing (319) 4.00 Feetball (35286) 5.30

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7.40 Sunny Spells (7439374) 8.00 The Innocents' 1961) (3259952) 9.45 The Man Who Foll to Earth (1975) (74013596) 12.10 Despendio (1995) (521726) 1.55 B Marrach (1990) (4-10610)
3.20 • 8.00 Get Shorty (1995) (53500297) FOX KIDS NETWORK

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6.00 Adventures of Dodo (68669751) 6.05
Power Rangers Turbo (2242732) 6.55
Spiderman (53968003) 7.20 Oggy and the
Cockmaches (1026888) 7.30 Dennis and
Grasher (9847577) 8.00 Hero Turites: The Next
Mutation (9108312) 8.25 The Incredible Hulk
(1145577) 8.50 Iron Man (5725428) 9.15
Fantasire Four (8738948) 9.40 V. Alen (6208003)
10.05 Casper (4597312) 10.30 Oggy and the
Cockmaches (35860515) 10.55
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6.00 Wish Me Luck. (6426428). 7.00 Plus on Plus (1363886). 7.30 The Odd Couple (1343939).
8.00 Families (163664). 8.30 Mind Your Language (1680935). 9.00 Classec Coronation Street (1604515). 9.30 Emmerdale (5808022).
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5.00 Chartels Angels (6458374). 6.00 Emmerdale (376)3121 6.30 Classic Counation Street (375)664), 7.00 The Professionals (7892732), 8.00 The Benny Hall Show (780480) 9.00 The Sweeney (789896), 10.00 Halle and Pace (1885480), 10.30 The Comedians

(1601429), **11.00** As Granada Men & Motors until 200am (9481935), **2.00** Close HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00 Secrets of War (384577) 5.00 Classe Cars (296738) 6.00 Odessa File (1987884) 6.55 Protos for the Future (17345044) 7.00 Warner Tradition (9609157) 8.00 Cose. ITV 2 DIGITAL ONLY

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4.00 Tirsha (56138) 5.00 The Locker (7206).
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5.30 Bodrock (2904) 7.30 Taking the Putch (9739) 8.00 NBA 99 Marin Heat v New York Kincks (63770) 9.00 A Hell of a Week Neighbours from Hell (70206) 10.00 Bintain's Worst Differs (73393) 11.00 Coronation Street (57867) 11.30 Emmertiale (25645) 12.00 Bedtock (74477) 1.00 NBA 99 Marin Heat v New York Kincks (4546) 2.00 Close

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6.00 Cart Cook, Wont Cook (704316), C.30
Anmal Rescue (747935), 7.00 Professor Bubble
(853903), 7.25 Callou (139404), 7.30 Polita
(853903), 7.35 Babasocs, #615777, 7.55
Producal Parenting, #613449, 8.00 Barney and
Friends (462225), 8.25 My 200 (877379), 8.30
Tiny, and Crew (8733867), 8.50 Producal
Parenting (9060664) 9.00 Special Babes
(850735), 8.30 Home and Away (265799),
10.50 Maury Ponch (774190), 1140 Brooksde
(7052596), 12.30 Through the Keyhole
(80278954), 12.40 Rescue 911 (80574393), 1.40
Maury Ponch (876409), 2.30 Special Babes
(395731), 3.00 Liveng Room (#648853), 3.50
Michael Cole (6298225), 4.40 Home and Away
(5663428), 5.30 Through the Keyhole
(5792321), 5.40 Cart Cook, Won't Cook
(904090), 8.15 The Jerry Springer Show
(673490), 7.05 Rescue 911 (643193), 7.35
Anmal Rescue (4459429), 8.00 Entertainment
Now (5264480), 8.10 The Jerry Springer Show
(673190), 7.05 Rescue 911 (643193), 7.35
Anmal Rescue (4459429), 8.00 Entertainment
Now (5264480), 8.10 The Jerry Springer Show
(988782), 9.00 Effect Liefting (1995) (4405008),
11.00 Sextasyl (3375373), 12.00 Close.

MTV 6.00 Cant Cook, Wont Cook (704319), 6.30

6.06 Mad for Hrs (133409), 9.00 MTV Bytesize (75409) 11.00 brand: new (91935), 12.00 Mad for Hrs (19856), 2.00 MTVs European Yop 20 (59461), 3.00 MTV Bytesize (86393), 4.00 Select MTV (5867), 6.00 MTV Bytesize (40430), 7.00 brand: new (23312), 8.00 The List R & B Chart (15472), 8.00 MTV News Daily Edition (94312), 9.20 Arist Cut (52225), 10.00 MTV Live. REM (19022), 10.30 Stylesamol (28770), 11.00 Mad for Hrs (13426), 12.00 Yol (23707), 10.00 MTV Live. REM (19023), 13.00 Stylesamol (28770), 11.00 Mad for Hrs (13426), 12.00 Yol (23707), 10.00 MTV Live. REM (73829), 13.00 Stylesamol Best of 98 (14510), 2.00 - 6.00 Night Videos (2353794). 6.00 Mad for Hits (133409), 9.00 MTV Bytesion

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Third Planet (5024312). 1.00 Royal Blood
(5029867). 2.00 Cyclone! (6466935). 3.00 The
Shark Files (3120480). 4.00 The Shark Files
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(349515). 5.00 Panama: Paradise Found
(5053683). 6.00 Cyclone! (500903). 7.00 The
Eagle and the Snake (5054312). 7.30 The Navi
Generation (710872). 8.30 Last Voyage of the
Andrea Dona (5059867). 9.00 Elack Holes
(2149409). 10.00 Storm of the Century (214596).
11.00 They Never Sel Foot on the Moon
(837750). 12.00 Sh.s. against the Bomb
(317523). 12.30 Stock Car Fever (6143558).
1.00 Black Holes (6808233). 2.00 Storm of the (3712843). 5.00 Close

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12.00 Arthur (5774).
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12.00 Puddington Bear/Lizze's Library-Portland Bis/Mr Men/hor the Engine (536).
12.30 Children's BBC on Nickelodeon (1646).
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SKY BOX OFFICE 1 12.00 U-Turn (1997) (8425320), 2.30 - 6.00 U-Turn (1997) (1116252).

6.00 US Marshala (1997) (135080), 8.30 US Marshala (1997) (6365745), 11.00 Close() 7.00 US Marshala (1997) (6365745), 11.00 Close() 7.00 US Marshala (1997) (6146225), 12.00 Close. SKY BOX OFFICE 3 8.00 Titanic (1997) (6444080), 9,30 Titanic (1997) (2672867) 1,00 Titanic (1997) (268802), 4,30 Titanic (1997) (268802), 4,30 Titanic (1997) (3835793) 8.00 Titanic (1997) (4234515).

SKY BOX OFFICE 4 8.00 Fire Down Below (1987) (2197409), 10.00 Fire Down Below (4573022), 12.00 Close(), 4.00 • 8.00 Fire Down Below (5147981).

SKY PREMIER SKY PREMIER
6.00 About Sarah (1998) (24409), 8.00 Narrow
Escape (1997) (95480, 10.00 Mr Mum (1983)
(79618), 12.00 Kindergarten Cop (1990) (85003),
2.00 About Sarah (1998) (37577), 4.00 Narrow
Escape (1997) (56532393), 5.45 Kindergarten
Cop (1990) (85970577), 7.30 Barry Normen's
Film Night (5931), 8.00 Austin Powers:
International Man of Mystery (1997) (62886),
10.00 The Fan (1996) (9344799), 12.05 An Eye
for an Eye (1996) (429559), 1.50 Last Dance
(1996) (155417), 3.35 Riich Man's Wife (1996)
(104349), 5.10 - 6.05 The Directors (8704691). SKY MOVIEMAX

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7.00 How I Got into College (1989) (30041), 9.00
Little Miss Milions (1982) (84374), 11.00 Wind
Dancer (1991) (42770), 1.00 How I Got into
College (1999) (89190), 3.00 The Double Man
(1967) (58480), 5.00 Little Miss Milions (1962)
(76225), 7.00 Wind Dancer (1991) (49515), 8.30
E News Week in Review (5633), 9.00 Beverley
Hills Ninja (1997) (53515), 11.00 Maustrum Resk
(1996) (289333), 12.40 The Good Son (1993)
(5818233), 2.05 Dangarous Laissons (1988)
(192349), 4.05 No Way Back (1996) (279252),
5.40 - 7.25 The Double Man (1967) (73840523).

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4.00 Plaza Suite (1971) (7830409) 6.00 Tarzan and the Lost Safan (1956) (56802022) 7.20 The

Leopard (1963) (77442652), 10.00 Honkytonk Man (1962) (787645), 12.00 The Hanging Tree (1959) (950900), 1.50 Days of Glory* (1944) (23984368), 3.20 Shertock Holmes and the Pearl of Death* (1944) (30865287), 4.30 Caught* (1949) (53745487), 5.55 Clore. SKY ONE

SKY ONE 720 Count Duckuta (18461), 7,30 Godzilla (18586), 8,00 Pokemon (186577), 8,30 Hollywood Squares (65848), 9,00 Sally Jessy Raphael (78565), 10,00 The Oprah Winney Show (34490) 11,00 Guitty! (1915), 12,00 Jerny Jones (80645), 1,00 Mad about Vou 18732), 1,30 Jeopardy (29139), 2,00 Sally Jessy Raphael (18286), 3,00 Jenny Jones (80645), 3,00 Jenny Jones (80651, 4,00 Guitty! (14138), 5,00 Star Tieth: Deep Space Mile (1003), 6,00 Amencats Dumbest Cremnals (79516, 6,30 Filents: (8867). Dumbest Commols (755), 6.30 Friends (8967). 7.00 The Simpsons (2732), 7.30 The Simpsons (2732), 7.30 The Simpsons (2732), 7.30 The Simpsons (2751), 8.00 Mortal Kombar Conquest (25732), 9.00 The X Fies (45596), 10.00 Fabulous (486831 H.00 Friends (15867) 11.30 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (54664) 12.30 Law and Order (68981) 1.30 - 7.00 Long Play (4005349) SKY SPORTS 1

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7.00 Sky Sports Centre (2475995) 7.35 World Wrestling Federation Live Wire (603223) 8.45 You're on Sky Sports (241577) 9.00 Racing News (89867) 9.30 Aerobics - 0c Style (12683) 10.30 Inside Scottish Footbal (55374), 11.00 Rugby League Academy (75138) 12.00 Aerobics - 0z Style (89003) 12.30 Total Sport (2798) 1.00 International Footbal Hungary U21 v England U21 (24916) 3.00 Inside Scottish Football (14393) 4.00 Karsie - ISKA Karate (54428) 5.00 World Wrestling Federation Shot Gun Challenge (3003) 6.00 Sky Sports Centre (7935) 8.30 Cricket - World Cup Preview (1515) 7.00 International Footbal Germany v Scotland (376645) 10.00 Sky Sports (883190) 11.00 International Footbal Germany v England (56003) 12.00 International Footbal Germany v Scotland (31707) 1.00 Sky Sports Centre (156503) 12.00 International Footbal Germany v Scotland (31707) 1.00 Sky Sports Centre (156559) 5.00 Sky Sports Centre (3540900) 5.55 Close.

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7.00 Aerobics - Oz Style (6620995), 7.30 Sky Sports Centre (4221225), 7.45 Racing News (39258671 8.15 Fastrax (9072848), 8.45 Sky Sports Centre (9816683), 9.00 Lacrosse-Senior Flags Men's Lacrosse Cup Final (1405515), 10.30 Volleybal (1312954), 12.00 Fastrax (8948252), 12.30 LPGA 1999 - Chick-Fd-A Charity Charmpionstra (4484848), 2.30 Golf Extra (9264954), 5.30 Pool (254732), 8.30 international Football Humpary vs. 6.30 Extra (5254904) \$3.30 Pool (2544732), 6.30 international Football Hungary vs England See Pick of the Day, above (7100770), 11.00 Golf Extra (642490), 2.00 Rugby League World (4397368), 3.30 international Football Hungary v England (2345455) 4.30 International Football Germany v Scotland (612559), 5.30 Sky Sports Centre (2745610), 5.45 Close.

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12.00 World Wresting Federation Shot Gun
Chellenge (76730461) 1.00 Fish TV The
Ultimate Fishing Show (46643867) 1.30 Fish
TV Fishing Tales (76750225) 2.00 Superbouts
(62895206) 3.00 Tales from the Premiership
The Boys of 33 (67879770) 3.30 Watersports
World (3845653) 4.30 Volleyheal (29805577)
6.00 Motor Racing (24434770) 6.30 European
Tour Weekly (24428022) 7.00 Fugby League
World (56826886) 8.30 Ringside (1586819)
10.00 Urboelevable Sports (51207596) 10.30
Paol (58406577) 11.30 Close
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6.30 Crest of the Wave" (1954) (1860)(206), 8.15
6.36(pt)* (1944) (22495206), 10.15 Moorfleet
(1955) (94368886), 11.45 Ride, Vaqueno (1953)
(9435604), 1.15 The Glass Stoper (1955)
(94085976), 3.00 Lady L (1985) (90842986),
5.00 Mogambo (1953) (5528574), 7.00 High
Society (1955) (4962274), 9.00 Midded Pierce*
(1945) (55354585), 11.15 All The Fine Young
Carnibals (1960) (99865003), 1.30 Dirty Dirty
Magee (1970) (44953349), 3.00 Midded Pierce*
(1945) (8402483), 5.00 - 6.30 Caling Buildog
Drummond* (1951) (3089800),
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Drummond* (1955) (3036:900).

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6.00 Ready or Not (70095:5), 6.30 Echo Porat
(5033867). 7.00 Trouble at Breakfast (700900am): Lucle and Jason host crazy teatures
and competitions with cool prices USA High
(3682770). 7.30 City Guys (3858577). 8.00

Saved by the Bell - the New Class (7660916).
8.30 Hang Time (78925:5). 9.00 Tempesti
(1798312). 9.50 On the Make (1427426). 10.00

Echo Point (502415). 10.30 Hollyosis (767275).

1.00 Stefan's Garden Roadshow (6021338).

12.30 The Flower Show (2931558). 1.00 Close.

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6.00 Power Breakfast (33827157). 8.00 PopUp Video (7727436). 9.00 Ten of the Best: Connor

Video (19723751). 2.00 Greatest Hins of.
Michael Jackson (47599770). 1.30 Pop-Up
Video (19723751). 2.00 Jukebox (47594515).
4.30 Telk Music (30757664). 5.00 Five at Five
(82844916). 5.30 Pop-Up Video (30748916).
6.00 Happy Hour with Toyah Willcox

1.00 Stefan's Garden Roadshow (6021338). or Not (1293848, 12.00 Fresh Prince of Bel Air (7563003), 12.30 Weird Science (5562886), 1.00 in the House (366041), 1.30 Tempest (7226138), 2.20 On the Make (8783179), 2.30 Hollycalis (134049), 3.00 Ready or Not (644480), 3.30 City Guys (1345954), 4.00 Fresh Prince of Bel

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Good Music (306839) 4-55 Lawrence Durrellia Smie in the Minds Eye (25753/2) 6-00 When
the Boat Cornes in (33790). 7.00 Good Music
(8022), 8.00 Lawrence Durreli - a Smile in the
Minds Eye (25770), 9.00 The Goodies (39570).
9.35 That Was the Week That Was (203770).
10.30 Lawrence Durreli - a Smile in the Minds
Eye (88732), 11.30 The Goodies (234003), 12.03
Good Music (884523), 1.05 When the Boat
Cornes in (6882639), 2.05 Lawrence Durreli - a
Smile in the Minds Eye (2147542), 3.00 Close.
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Smile in the Mind's Eye (2147542) 3.00 Close.

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7.00 Crossroads (3644374) 7.30 Neighbours (7094574) 7.55 EastEndert (8000886) 8.30 The Bai (752719) 9.00 The Bai (758789) 10.30 Rhoda (755768) 11.00 Dalias (9726136) 11.55 Neighbours (48393770) 12.25 EastEnders (987525) 1.00 Bugs (5532645) 2.00 Dalias (107206) 2.55 The Bil (3563206) 2.25 The Sil (2809372) 3.55 EastEnders (7759288) 4.30 Rhoda (7335577) 5.00 Cangeriadd (640664) 6.00 Dynasty (5552409) 7.00 The Cornedy Alternative Last of the Summer Some Mothers Do Ave Em (2685175). 7.40 The Comedy Alternative: Last of the Summer Wine (717190). 8.20 The Comedy Alternative: Datis Army \$1880221 \$0.00 Men Behaving Badly (8347683) 10.00 Hamish Mecbeth (4534119). 11.05 Ruby Wax Meets... Burt Reynolds (6915312). 11.40 The Bill (9010003). 12.30 The Bill (4537894). 12.40 Between the Lines (1573510). 1.35 Datis Army (875962). 2.10 Some Mothers Do Ave Em (2665271). 3.0 - 7.0 Shopping with Screenshop (4748702).

UK HORIZONS
7.00 Now Get Out of That (8565683) 7.30 The Great Egg Race (8545180). 8.00 Chme Limsed (285867). 8.30 City Hospital (833759). 9.30 Esther (838251). 10.00 Animal Hospital (874751). 10.30 Lon Country (284372). 11.00 The Mamage (856138). 12.00 Life on los (2518954). 12.30 The Non-Tiki Man (8380577). 100 Out of the Ashes (8387721). 2.00 Two Sides of A Street (4584585). 2.45 Situation Vacant (946157). 3.30 Esther (9785916). 4.00 City Hospital (808886). 5.00 Animal Hospital (273728). 5.30 Lion Country (9717515). 6.00 Decisive Weapons (9798480). 7.00 The True Story of the Biophant Man (889757). 8.00 Baboons Rule (860757). 8.00 Boomer's Egypt (8380041). 10.00 Asport (289683). 10.30 Lakesiders (2898003). 11.00 Top Gear GTI (8342003). 12.00 The Worst Job in the World (2326720). 12.30 UFO Dianes (285900). 1.00 Close. **UK HORIZONS** 

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Challenge (8554848) 8.00 The DIY Show
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Right Moves, 6047353, 12.00 The DIY Show
2810312) 12.30 Change That (8385935) 1.00
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Homis Hot Work (8394206) 2.00 Style Street
(8833367) 2.30 Geoff Hamilton's Paradise
Gerdens (97557) 3.00 The Flower Show
9488852, 3.30 Coast to Coast (978734) 4.00
Voyage (9706409) 4.30 How Does Your Garden
Grow? (936866, 3.30 Off the Beaten Track
(8786645) 6.00 The Ar Show (976886), 6.30
Growing Places (970738) 7.00 Holday in Style
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(8069428) 8.30 Good Living (8375799) 10.00
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(287461) 11.00 Growing Places (6038645)
11.30 The English Country Garden (8745385)
12.00 Stefan's Garden Roadshow (602339).
12.30 The Flower Show (2931558) 1.00 Close.

Ten of the Best Caprice (93079409). 10.00 Ten of the Best: Ronan Keeing (93072586). 11.00 Storyellers: Sheryl Crow (4758319), 12.00 VH-1 Fipside (99070833). 1.00 Around and Around (87256078). 2.00 • 6.00 VH-1 Late Shift (47567504).

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1.30 Home and Away (16713461), 1.55 The Jerry Springer Show (5688119), 3.10 ITV News Headlines (5378770), 3.15 Mendian News and Weather (537704); 5.00 Home and Away (5664), 5.26 Three Minutes (967436), 5.30 Wildfide SOS (139), 6.00 Mendian Tonight (122312), 11.20 Mendian News and Weather (440577) 2.25 Film: Night of the Prowler (5157338) 3.30 Tosha (95366) 4.30 The Making of Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels (23233) 5.00 Freescreen (4)8431

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As Channel 4 except: 12.00 Home Improvement (6394577), 12.30 Sesame Street (93835845), 1.00 Planed Plant (69473374). **1.30** Collectors' Lot (85055206). **1.45** Film: Julia* (97340583). **4.30** Ricki Lake (99871119), 5.00 Planed Plant (11245732), 5.30 Countdown (99995799), 6.00 Party Election Supplies by the Wales Labour Party (70607003), 6.05 Newyddion (70605374), 6.10 Heno (65528041), 6.50 Pobol v Cwm Heno (85529041), 6.50 Pobol y Cwm (84778916), 7.20 Y Clwb Rygbi (23251206), 9.15 Darlledad Etholadol gan y Blaid Lafur yng Nghymru (84383190), 9.20 Newyddion (57889461), 9.50 Etholad 99 (84323664) 10.05 Brookside (5618935), 10.40 E R (69352770), 11.35 Spn City (87847799), 12.05 Tha 11 (7016), Show (8786890), 42.25 The 11 O'Clock Show (15786994). 12.35 Gazzetta Football Italia (20095894). 3.00 Transworld Sport (48226707). 4.00 Close.

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### Jesu Nahmn zu Sich die Zwolfe; Die Elen-den Soflen Essen; Erbarme Dich (St (97,6-99,8MHz FM ) Matthew Passion). Boccherini: Cello Con-6.30 Chris Moyles. 9.00 Simon Mayo. certo No 7 in G, G480. Mozart: Symphony 12.00 Jo Whiley. 2.00 Mark Radcliffe. 4.00 Dave Pearce, 8.00 Steve Lamacq the Evening Session, 10.00 Movie Up-No 29 in A. k201. 9.10 Postscript. Derek Alsop explores

what makes a great musical setting

through five case studies which dip into Peel 12.00 Gilles Peterson. 2.00 Clive the riches of British literature of the last Warren, 4.00 - 6.30 Scott Mills. half millennium and reflect the richness of RADIO 2 its musical treatment in our own century. (88-902MHz FM ) 3: The Carpenter's Son'. A E Housman's 6.00 Sarah Kennedy, 7.30 Wake Up to Impassioned poem 'A Shropshire Lad' as Wogan. 9.30 Ken Bruce. 12.00 Jimmy set for voice and piano by C W Orr. Young. 2.00 Ed Stewart. 5.05 Johnnie Walker. 7.00 Nick Barrackough. 8.00 9.30 Mahler, Lieder eines fahrenden Gesellen. Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau (baritone), Philharmonia/Wilhelm Furtwangler. 10.00 The Plano. Weekly series in which Pick of the Day, right, 10.00 Tom Paxton -Sill Ramblin'. 10.30 Richard Alimson. Piers Lane investigates the world of the piano past and present. This week, he 12.00 Katrina Leskanich. 3.00 - 4.00 Alex Lester. profiles the great Italian planist Maurizio Pollini, including tracks from some of Polli-

cially recorded performance of Schumann's Fantasy in C 11.00 Night Waves, Laura Cumming dis-9.00 Masterworks. With Peter Hobday. Corelli: Concerto grosso in F, Op 6 No 9. cusses 'New Art for a New Era', the first English Concert/Trevor Pinnock. 9:10 Tele ever showing outside Russia of works drawn from the Museum of Artistic Culmann: Cantata Wer nur den lieben Gott lasst walten'. Soloists, Bach Collegium Voture. The exhibition is at the Barbican, cale, Friedemann Immer Trumpet Consort, London. Plus first-night news from Strat-Orchestra/Ulrich Stotzel. 9.27 Mozart: ford on the world premiere of Nigerian-born writer Biyi Bandele's stage Flute Quartet in A. K298. Barthold Kulker (flute), members of Collegium Aureum.

nīs classic recordings as well as a spe-

adaptation of Aphra Behn's extraordinary Restoration novel of African slevery. 11.30 Jazz Notes 12.00 - 6.00 Through the Night. RADIO 4

(924-946MHz FM ) 6.00 Today. 9.00 NEWS; Midweek. 9.45 Serial: Nethaniel's Nutmeg. 10.00 NEWS; Woman's Hour. 11.00 NEWS; Inside Track (R) 11.30 Bristow. 100 The World at One.

concert given on Sunday at the Weter-front Hall, Belfast, by planist Ronan O'Ho-ra. Chopki: Polonaise in F sharp minor. Op 44; Mazurka in A minor, Op 59 No 1; 12.00 NEWS; You and Yours. Nocturnes, Op 27; Ballade No 1 in G mi-1.30 Points of Law. 2.00 NEWS; The Archers.
2.15 Afternoon Play: When We Were Oueens. See Prick of the Day, above. 3.00 NEWS; Gardeners' Question Time. 3.30 Naming the Universe. 3.45 This Sceptred Isle. (R) 7.30 Performance on 3. Yo-Yo Ma (cello), Amsterdam Baroque Orchestra/Ton Koop-man. Rameau: Suite 'Dardanus'. Bach, 4.00 NEWS; Thinking Allowed. transcr Koopman: Ihr Menschen, ruhmet Gottes Liebe; Air from Suite No 3 in D;

### PICK OF THE DAY

A TEENAGE cast gives Peter Straughn's play. When We Were Queens (2.15pm R4), a modern twist, as they play a gaggle of male street urchins employed as the female leads in Shakespeare's plays. On an equally camp note, American soul singer Daryl Hall examines the career of Diana Ross (right), charting her musical development from Sixties soul hits to kitsch Nineties classics in Giants Of Soul (9pm R2) FIONA STURGES



6.00 Six O'Clock News. 6.30 King Street Junior. (R) 700 NEWS: The Archers. 715 Front Row. Mark Lawson with the

arts programme. 7.45 Postcards. By Nick Darke. Sue Cattran, who runs the cale in Porthant Bay. Cornwall, prepares herself for the autumn when her teenage son Paul leaves home Neil and Sue Cattran meet to talk about their son's future. With Diana Berriman and Mike Shepherd (3/15). 8.00 NEWS; The 1999 Reith Lectures. Five

lectures about aspects of globalisation given by Anthony Giddens, director of the LSE, 4: 'The Family', Some of the most profound changes happening across the world are in peoples personal lives. How best do we understand and cope with these changes? This fourth lecture comes from the National Press Club in Washington and is followed by questions from an invited audience. Bridget Kendali is in the chair. 9.00 NEWS: Attered States. Three programmes in which Vivienne Parry looks at what goes on in our brain when we are in an altered state of consciousness, 2, 'A Trip to Death and Back'. Every day in the operating theatre, anaesthetists delicately balance the consciousness of their pahents, keeping them unaware but alive. Now it seems that brain waves are the

key to turning this art into science (R)

9.30 Midweek. Libby Purves and guests engage in lively conversation. 10.00 The World Tonight. With Justin 10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Service of

Clouds By Susan Hill, read by Joanna David (8/10). 11.00 NEWS, Old Harry's Game. Andy Hamilton's comedy series set in hell. 6: The Final Reckoning. God has heard that rules are being broken in hell and sends. some archangels to investigate. With James Grout and Jimmy Mulville. 11.30 I'm Glad You Asked Me That. 12.00 News.

12.30 The Late Book: Biggest Elvis. (R) 12.48 Shipping Forecast. 1.00 As World Service. 5.30 World News. 5.35 Shipping Forecast. 5.40 Inshore Forecast. 5.45 Prayer for the Day. 5.47 - 6.00 Farming Today. RADIO 4 LW

9.45 - 10.00 Daily Service 12.00 - 12.04 News Headines; Shipping Forecast. 5.54 - 5.57 Shipping Forecast. 11.30 - 12.00 Today in Parliament. RADIO 5 LIVE (693-909kHz MW.) 6.00 Breakfast. 9.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00 The Midday News

### 1.00 lan Payne. 4.00 Drive. 7.00 News Extra.

7.10 John Inverdale's Football Night. 10.00 Dominik Diamond, Dominik Diamond sits in for Richard Littleichn this week and invites your comments about tonight's friendly internationals. Call 0500 909693 to discuss Scotland's performance against Germany and the England match against Hungary. 11.00 Late Night Live, With Brian Hayes. including a late news bnefing at 11.00, and

at 1115 The Financial World Tonight and a topical late-night discussion. 1.00 Up All Night. 5.00 - 6.00 Morning Reports. CLASSIC FM (1000-1019MHz FM ) 6.00 Nick Bailey. 8.00 Henry Kelly. 12.00 Requests. 2.00 Concerto. 3.00

Smooth Classics at Seven, 9.00 Evening Concert. Schumann: Overture 'Julius Cae ear' I SO/Neame Jarvi. Brahms: Serenade No 1 in D. LPO/Adrian Bouit. Schumann: Vloën Concerto in D minor. Joshua Beil, Cleveland Orchestra/Christoph von Dohnanyi. Schumann; Fantasy Pieces, Op 12. Anna Kravtchenko (piano) 11.00 Alan Mann. 2.00 Concerto. 3.0 - 6.0 Mark Griffiths.

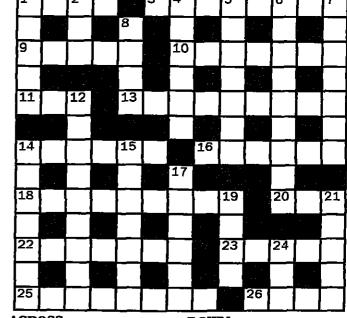
lamie Crick. 6.30 Newsnight. 7.00

VIRGIN RADIO (1215, 1197-1260kHz MW 105.8MHz FM ) 6.30 Chris Evans 9.30 Russ Williams. 1.00 Nick Abbot. 4.00 Harriet Scott. 6.45 London Calling with Harriet Scott/AM Pete and Geoff. 7.30 Pete and Geoff, 10.00 Mark Forrest, 1.00 James Merritt, 4.30 - 6.30 Richard Allen, WORLD SERVICE RADIO

(198kHz LW ) 1.00 The World Today, 1.30 One Planet. 1.55 My Century, 2.00 The World Today. 2.30 Meridian (Live). 3.00 The World To-day. 3.30 Business Report. 3.45 Insight. 4.00 The World Today. 4.20 Sports 4.30 • 7.00 The World Today (4.30-7.00).

TALK RADIO 6.00 Big Boys Breakfast with David Banks & Nick Ferrari. 9.00 Scott Chisholm, 12.00 Let's Talk Pets. 1.00 Anna Raebum - Live and Direct. 4.00 The SportZone. 8.00 The Big Issues with Simon Heffer, 10.00 James Whale 12.00 • 6.00 Ian Collins.

### CONCISE CROSSWORD



**ACROSS** Was acquainted with (4)

3 Carriage (8) 9 Lever (5) 10 Accompaniment for jelly (7) 11 Current unit (3) 13 Compromises (5-4) 14 Discourteous (6) 16 Futile (6)

18 Incompetent (9) 20 Vat (3) 22 insulting (7) 23 Topic (5) 25 Monocle (8)

26 Uncommon (4)

DOWN 1 Greek letter (5)

Finish (3) Ethnic (6) Brushed upwards (7) White deposit of ice crystals

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21 Musical note (5) 24 Age (3)

Solution to yesterday's Concise Crossword: ACROSS: 1 Purley, 4 Gaits (Pearly gates), 8 Rivet, 9 Antonym, 10 Sultana, 11 Ache, 12 Yes, 14 Debt, 15 Thou, 18 Elk, 21 Ogle, 23 Epicure, 25 Drastic, 26 Knead, 27 Roach, 28 United. DOWN: 1 Purist, 2 Revolve, 3 Entracte, 4 Gate, 5 Ionic, 6 Summer, 7 Malay, 13 Stricken, 16 Opulent, 17 Fodder, 19 Ketch, 20 Mended, 22 Llama, 24 Etch.

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TELEVISION REVIEW

NOMEN, who by and largo anadic those things with a caremanus these charge was a concess assurance that leaves me naved, can hardly begin to awed, can hardly begin to understand how fightened many me by the idea of buying clothes. If you doubt that, just look at the way the experience is portrayed on television the narrow scrapes with sexual hamiliadism that customers were forced to undergo by the staff of truck brothers in Are You being Served?, or the twin pervs on The last Show. These fantasies But by and large, the memories gathered here were surprisingly warm. For one thing, in the days when four out of five men were married and buried in a Barton's saft, you couldn't least not at first sight man, at least not at first sight maturally once they present their

The experience got a rather more flattering write-up in Ready to Wear (BBC2), a new series on the history of fashion. Last night's opener - entitled, with shattering disregard for the nule viewer's hagie sensibilities. "Suits You, Sir", looked at suits from the stuffy post-war years to the cool, breezy Seventies and Eaghtes.

kedness with heavy-vorsted, God wouldn't

Any had of flashiness, an indiscreet splash of colour on tie or sack, risked having you labelled each, spiv or pord.

The commentary adopted a disparaging tone, as if all this uniformity was self-evidently a bad thing, and there was foolage collars, and high knotted thes Everybody wore a halt nobody took of their jacket texcept, one interviewee said, to have a fight) Rack to the Edities, all men

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- startling to modern eyes - of a whole beelive of City gents, all utterly indistinguishable. One or two ageing tandles came in to second that hostile

ion, that really is what buying suit feels like. thathrally, once they opened liver mouths things would becomin elearer). One man described behing measured for his first Janton's wit as a rite of passage, his indiation into manbook; and I suppose, as initiation rites go, this one beats being sent into the hish to survive without food for a week befare being circumcised without anaesthetle. Another man recalled how everybody could tell when you were wearing a sulf for the first time, and everybody would comment on it. There was a prelapsarian innocence about all his - perhaps if Adam and Eve had covered up their nakedness with heavy dark worsted, Gal wouldn't have minted so much.

But those covered to the limit of the law or minted so much.

the seepent tashion of his Eden; suits blosson colour, treasers grew the crotch and flappy ankle, and men begun hair-conditioner.

In towars - at basic as ive minded so much. But floor came the Sixtes, and den: suits blossomed into ; trousers grew tight in rotch and flappy in the , and men began using

In toyears—at bast, as fewriting to Weight differential evolved from bees to peacacks. In not sure. I believe it: liberated from the constraints of the old-fashioned suit, large numbers of men d'in one myself still try to use clothes as a were entre la large. expression of the them, then that appearances are triviat's what's underneath the counts. Ready to Wear look thashy; but up close, it will distinctly threadbare.

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (10596). 7.00 News (T) (72003).
9.00 Kilroy (S) (T) (9567770). 9.45 Celebrity Ready, Steedy, Cook (R) (S) (T) (376409). 10.15 The Vanessa Show (S) (T) (2390634). 11.00 News: Regional News: Weather (T) (5428374). 11.00 News: Regional News: Weather (T) (6041026). 12.00 Going for a Song (S) (8839913).
12.25 Just a Minute (S) (5689490). 12.55 The Weather (T) (75190).
1.30 Regional News and Weather (B656480).
1.40 Neighbours (S) (T) (9578819). 2.00 Through the Keyhole (S) (T) (9016).

2.30 World Snooker and Midweek Rading. Continued coverage from the Crucible, interspersed with the 230, 305 and 340pm races from Assect (5) (97845).

**4.00 Children's BBC:** Starinii Penius (S) (1813312). **4.10**The Adventures of Shirby Heimus (B) (S) (T) (7874506). **4.35** The Demon Heidmaster (701316). **5.00**Newsrennel (S) (604596). **5.40** (3hie Peter (S) (2806515).

5.35 Noighbours (5) (1) (269)004).

**6.00** News; Weather (1) (083).

6.30 Regional News. And weather (1) (935).

7.00 Holiday Bohaving Badly. Reports from Med Morrissoy in Costa Rica, Caroline Orientin in Bulizo, Martin Christs in Sun Francisco, and Lestic Ash in Loreton (S) (1) (1972).

물 - - : ... 7.30 Tomorrow's World - Wobwise Special. Hale and Pace part Philippa Forcester and Peter Show to launch Webwise", the ISSOs, ambitions technology education campaign (S) (T) (18)

Changing Rooms. The New York laft look reaches Pembrey in North Wales (F) (S) (T) (9-180).

**0.30 Battorsea Dogs' Home.** Fleas and how to deal with them (S) (T) (524596) 8.50 National Lottery - Greatest Hits (T) (400577)

9.00 News; Regional News; Weather (T) (6751).

9.35 GIDIG h&p@bbc. Hate and Pace's new variety showcase for the BBC. See Comedy of the Day, below 9.30 Party Election Broadcast. Ltb Dems (5) (244400)

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10.15 To Be Announced. Following the death of Jill Dando, the advertised edition of Chinewatch File has been rescheduled. At the time of going to press, the replacement programme had not been announced (S) (172461).

11.00 The Killing of Kosovo. Jane Corbin presents this Panorama special looking at how Slobodan Milosevic planned the "ethnic cleansing" of Kosovo and discusses the chances of Milosevic being brought to justice

Personal loan rates.

11.40 Film 99 with Jonathan Ross (S) (T) (677732) 12.10 EIM The Devil's Bed (Sam Pilisbury 1990 US). Nicolatte Sheridan is Iorn bolween her gentle boyfriend and his brutish brother (Then Wealher) (156097). **1.45 Joins BBC News 24** (54235504). To Gam.

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COMEDY OF THE DAY

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Page @BBC. (9.35)m BBC1, ngh) Having signed Hale and Page from ITV for a large clumk of our collective licence fees, the BBC now seem unsure how to use them. This feeble new variety show is definitely not the way ahead, eschewing the duo's strengths twhich is pure. If unsubtle, connedy) and shackling them to a format as laboured as the show's litle—and which wouldn't take flight even if it had Monveambe and Wise at the controls. The show also scents addly scheduled—maybe BBC1 Controller Peter Sahnon should perform a straight swap for Vic and lady's Pantillex at War. Anyhow, the opening guests include Tony Blackbarn and Anthea Turner.

Call Direct Line.

BBC2

7.00 Children's BBC: Noddy in Toyland (S) (74461). 7.30: Top Cat (R) (8517645). 7.55 Tracing Places – French Exchange (S) (T) (8672138). 8.20 Dastardly and Muttley (R) (8687409). 8.40 Polka Dot Shorts (3060428). 8.50 Pingu (R) (3069312). 9.00 The Geography Programme (4508157). 9.40 Numbertime (4588393). 9.25 Folk Dance (9140799). 9.45 Words and Pictures (7858119). 10.00 Teletuhites (70157). 10.30 Numbertime (3506684), 10.45 Catr. Eyes (9028645). 11.05 Number Adventures (1977880). 11.20 The Geography Programme (8156228). 11.40 Science in Action (2847383). 12.00 Shakespearo the Animated Tidas (S) (21200). 12.30 Working Linch (43180). 1.00 Brum (38709157).

2.45 News; Wenther (1) (BBS/33), 2.50 Washidaster (8) (BD446), 3.55 News; Local News; Wastler (7BB7/7)

5.50 Lifolino. On fastraff of U.E.S., the restand elanity for slock, nowhern and premature factors (3) (149577).

7.30 Lovintham. Mark Orban books lands to the had three Northern Instant was sell governmen, while blacky Camphell, with historian Linda Colley, explored Santhurfs, contribution to Bullets culture (S) (1) (Mil)

8.00 The Naked Chef. The youthful chef prepares specified with chill, anchores and properties, and frech ravioli with samshod bread bears (5) (1) (2022)

10.30 Party Election Brondcast by the Liberal Democrats (%) (3621910) 10.35 Newsnight. With Jeremy Paximin (1) (950461).

12.00 Dospatch Box (S) (90784) 12.30 Open University Soul Secrets (18523), 1.00 Walking and Hummy (48542) 1.30 Swinning at Fish (69523), 2.00 Schools: PSHE (6950) 4.00 Languages. Make French Your Business Part 2 (20078) 5.00 (Business and Training, Web Wiso (374538) 5.45 Open University. The Groat Iron and Steel Rollarcouster (2243724). To 630am 11.20 EIDES Anne-Sophie Mutter: My Yoar with Boothovon. The German violated ques on a world true. See Music Programma of the Day, below (29974) 1.10 World Snookor and Racing. Charter find action from Shoffold and the 2.30pm rawa from Assat (1246/022).

4.00 World Snooker and Racing. The area from Araxa is the 4.00pm (5) (2446.6303).

7.30

10.30 The Big Match: Hungary vs England. Bob Wison presents highlights of England's friendly game against Hungary at the Nepstadium in Budapest (39409)

12.40 11.20 11.00 ITV Nightly News; Woathor (T) (724916).

2.25 **1311.11 Mystery Date** (Jonathan Wacks 1991 US). Homantic contedy, with shy teenage Ethan Hawke falling for his exciting beautiful neighbour (309875). The Night of the Prowler (Francis Searle 1962 UK) B-movio timiler (7708691).

3,25 Trisha (267484). To 4.25am.

MUSIC PROGRAMME OF

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6.00 Stor Trokt The Next Generation. Indicance into conflict with Linuxian Andraisactor Bunkt Vas Alkar and his extremely unpleasant mother (B) (F) (1) (108954).

6.45 World Snookor Championship. Cantinuct cowerage of brote quarter-lenals in the Lanhussy world championship, with David Vino (8) (ՏենքսԵԿ)

8.30 Homo Front, How maderied West London eyesoft/ architectural masterpiece, Trellick Towni, received a make-over And ideas for a brighter nursery (S) (657)

9.00 World Snooker Championship. David Vine wrete ap teday's action in the Lintersy world championship (5) (4072)

London Tonight (T) (440577). **11.30** Eastwood on Eastwood (R) (872867).

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**3.10 ITV News Headlines** (T) (6313683)

**Mind the Gap.** Paul Ress hests a grundshow themed o Lenden Underground, Schodolod, It sooms, to avoid and expekir underground canninitars (138).

6.00 6.25 ondon Tonight (1) (122312)

6.30 ITV Evening News; Weather (T) (913). Party Election Broadcast by the Liberal Domocrats (1) (161848).

7.00 Emmerdale. Bill and Chris come to blows over Kathy (5-124)

Coronation Stroot. Mike is pushed to the edge (3) (1) (33)

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**3.20 Childron's ITV:** Malsy (5374954), **3.25** The Story Store (ft) (5) (6392190), **3.40** Jumanji (R) (S) (T) (2003400), **4.05** Hey Arrold! (R) (S) (T) (7672916), **4.35** Wildfrank (1) (7031635), **5.00** Home and Away (S) (T)

[日][D][日] The Bridges of Madison County (Clint בנולשימטל 1995 US). Clint Enstwood and Meryl Streep וויוןאמטער או Flobert Lewis Waller's novelette. See Film of

40.00 Spin City. Slick and strictly ho-hum sitcom with Michael J Fox as deputy mayor of New York. Mike is invited out by a supermodel (S) (T) (11003).

 11.30 Jo Whitey (R) (483409).
 12.20 Football Italia – Mezzanotte (53691455).
 2.45 Transworld Sport (638097).
 3.45 Electric Avenue (R) (70610). 11.00 The 11 O'Clock Show (T) (1206)

historically, less so dramatically, this post-WWII drama historically, less so dramatically, this post-WWII drama sees Mai Zetterling as a young German woman who is brought home to Blighty at war's end by RAF officer David Ferrar. Cue small-town hostility and a sub-plot involving Glynis Johns as Farrar's true love (640726). To 5.55am.

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risha (S) (T) (3153751), 10.30 This Morning (T) 9723913), 12.20 Your Shout (9841732), 12.30 ITV snchilme News; Weather (T) (2254157), 12.65 London day (T) (2239848), 1.25 The Jerry Springer Show (S) (T) (4403664), 2.10 Home and Away (S) (T) (89476935), 4403664), 2.10 Home and Away (S) (T) (89476935).

6.00 Dawson's Creek. Bostonian teenagers. Dawson wins the prize for his short film, and Andie tries to help Pacey with his lack of solf-esteem (T) (164374).

6.50 T4orce (994886). 7.00 Channel 4 New Channel 4 News; Weather (S) (T) (476041).

7.55 Margaret Thatcher: Where Am I Now? Satrical cartoonist Steve Bell continues his look back at the Thatcher years (374393).

8.00 Brookside. Jacqui discovers that Lindsey is the sole owner of the club (S) (T) (2190).

8.30 She's Gotta Have It. Liza Tarbuck dispenses cash and fashion advice to three women from York (1) (1225)

9.00 ER. Bad boy Ross is playing fast and loose with hospital protocol this week, which regular Sky viewers will recognise as the beginning of the end for George Clooney's almond-eyed hunk (S) (1) (4645).

Eurotrash. A 90-year-old German drag queen, Miss Sweden 1993, and a television idea that has run its course (R) (S) (T) (20751).

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7.00 The Big Breakfast (98041)

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00 \$ News and Sport (S) (5361041), 7.00 Wideworld (R) (S) (T) (222857), 7.30 Millishakel (S) (2018515), 7.35 Muppet Bables (4447428), 8.00 Havakazoo (R) (S) (8210461), 8.30 Dappledown Farm (R) (S) (8219732), 9.00 The Roseanne Show (R) (S) (5923770), 9.50 Russell Grant's Postcards (R) (8331003), 9.55 The Bold and the Beautiful (S) (T) (8167022), 10.20 Sunset Beach (S) (T) (4623683), 11.10 Lecza (3395848), 12.00 5 News at Noon (S) (T) (8220848), 12.30 Family Affairs (S) (T) (9231567), 1.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show (4298409).

11,30 9.00 Schools: The English Programme (30138). 9.30 Rat-a-tat-tat (7948732), 9.45 Book Box (7976515), 10.00 Stage Two Science (1141374), 10.15 All about Us (1164225), 10.30 The Number Crew (3500480), 10.40 Pitch Fever (9047770), 11.00 First Edition V (5940577), 11.15 The X File (6963428).

1.55 **Powerhouse** (4634). **12.00** Sesame Street (R) (T) (10374). **12.30** Bewitched (78886). **1.00** Caroline in the City (64286). **1.30** Little Gems (58573770). **1.45** Earthscape (R) (13533935).

3.30 Collectors' Lot (409). 4.00 Fifteen to One (T) (916). 4.30 Countdown (T) (7030886). 4.55 Ricki Lake (T) (988519). 5.30 Pet Rescue (T) (480). ES ITM The Pied Piper (Irving Pichel 1942 US).
Contemporary adaptation of Nevil Shute's novel about an elderly misanthrope (Monty Woolley cast to type, if not the correct nationality) who reluctantly escorts two children back to Blighty in the teeth of the Nazi invesion of France. With Airne Baxter as a helpful French woman and Roddy McDowall as one of the brats (21169770). 5.20 5 News (S) (59639409). 3.10 IIIM The Third Day (Jack Smight 1965 US).
Largely forgettable amnesia thriller starring George
Peppard and his then wife, Elizabeth Ashley, Our man is
pulled from a cer crash, but can't remember the events
leading up to the smash (34328515). 1.50 McMillian and Wife. From 1973, and Rock Hudson's married sleuth attends a college reunion (54406428).

6.00 5 News including First on Five. Kirsty Young trots off with the day's top stories (S) (T) (6515225). 5.30 100 Per Cent (S) (6518312).

6.30 Family Affairs. Pam, sleepy on her tranquillisers, is worried about her sanity when undertakers arrive at the house to "collect" her body (S) (T) (6506577).

7.00 Police Squad. Spool police series from the creators of Airplane and The Naked Gun (2525461).

7.30 Wild in the USA. Documentary comparing the life of the red fox, a common sight in Europe and North America, with that of the rare kit fox, a handsome North American native (S) (T) (6595461).

**8.00 Nature's Fury.** Morbid documentary series exploring fatal forces of nature, such as the earthquekes that hit San Francisco in 1988, Mexico City in 1986 and Fukul, Japan, in 1948. Floods, tornados, typhoons and hurricanes are also promised (S) (T) (9716428).

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9.00 The sort of humble, made-for-cable fare that John The sort of humble, made-for-cable fare that John Travolta partook of before *Pulp Fiction* rescued his career. Travolta plays a dedicated social worker who is drawn into a violent drugs gang while seeking one of his youthful charges. Marilu Henner also features (S) (T) (49688683).

10.50 Football: Barcelona vs Brazil - Highlights.

Brazil play Barcelona in their ongoing tour of Europe and soccer-thirsty Channel 5 are there to pick up the pieces

(4015003).

11.30 UK Raw (4501664). Major League Baseball (9012523), 4.30 Australian Rules Football (S) (3896566), 5.30 100 Per Cent (R) (S) (5232691). To 6am.

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FILM OF THE DAY

THE BRIDGES OF MADISON COUNTY (8pm ITV, right) Clint Eastwood's movie is a considerable improvement on iness however name it most spielberg. Sydney Pollack The project passed through Spielberg. Sydney Pollack Bruce Berseford before ending up in the right hands. Bruce Berseford before ending up in the right hands. Bruce Berseford LaGravenese makes sense of the book's envriter Richard LaGravenese makes sense of the book's envriter Richard LaGravenese makes sense of the book's and sy narrative structure, while Eastwood, both as actor and ctor, handles the results with restraint. Clint plays a ctor, handles the results with restraint. Clint plays a quishy novelette, whose very e it ideal material for turning into a through Spielberg, Sydney Pollack



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